Acting Out a Character Affected by the Chernobyl Accident

You will work in your group to bring to life a scene from the Chernobyl accident. Your teacher will assign a character to your group. When it is time, one member of your group will be selected to play that character. A reporter will interview the characters.

**Step 1:** Circle the character your group has been assigned:

- Inspector
- Traveler
- Resident of Belarus
- Resident of Lapland

**Step 2:** Discuss these questions for your character. Make sure everyone in your group can answer your character’s questions so that everyone is prepared to be the actor.

*Inspector:* Who are you? What are you holding? Why are you checking the car? How has Chernobyl’s radioactive pollution changed where you live and work?

*Traveler:* Who are you? What are you doing? Why? How do you feel every time you are checked for radiation? What do you think Chernobyl will be like 50 years from now?

*Resident of Belarus:* Who are you? Where do you live in relation to Chernobyl? How has Chernobyl’s radioactive pollution affected your country? What do you think is the Soviet Union’s responsibility to the residents of Belarus?

*Resident of Lapland:* Who are you? Where do you live in relation to Chernobyl? How did you find out about the spread of the radioactive pollution? How has Chernobyl changed your people’s way of life?

**Step 3:** Discuss how the person who is chosen to perform can make the character come alive. Collect simple props to use during the act-it-out.