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Word	Meaning
Gateshead	A town in the northeast of England, where the fire started.
Newcastle	A large city next to Gateshead, across the River Tyne, also affected by the fire.
Warehouse	A large building used to store goods. The fire started in one of these.
Explosion	A sudden, loud blast that happens when something blows up. This happened during the fire.
Fire Engine	A vehicle used by firefighters to put out fires. Fire engines were smaller in 1854.
Rebuild	To build something again after it has been destroyed.

The Great Fire of Gateshead

Key Information	
What?	A massive fire broke out in Gateshead and spread
	to Newcastle. Many buildings were destroyed.
When?	6 th and 7 th October 1854
Where?	The fire started in a warehouse in Gateshead then
	spread across the River Tyne to Newcastle.
Why?	It showed how dangerous fires can be and how
	important fire safety is. It also helped people
	understand how communities can work together.



Fire Engine from the 1800s.



Fire Engine from now.