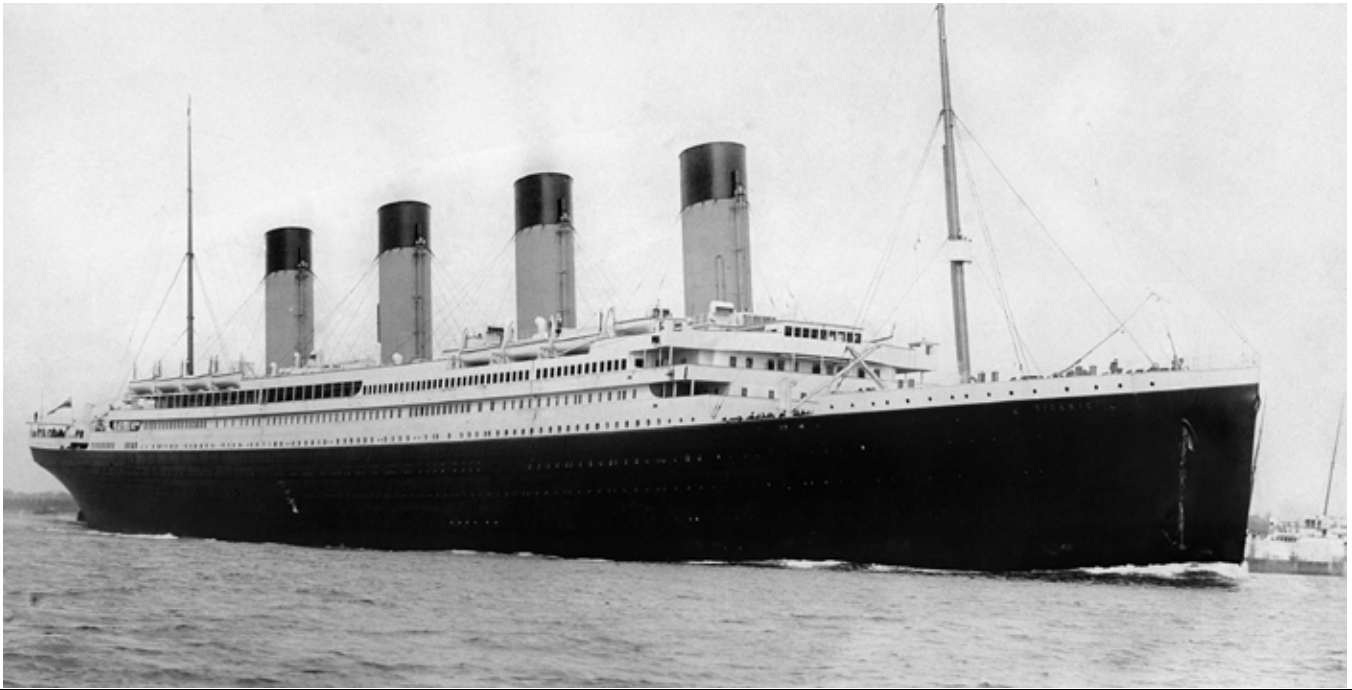


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To understand what happened, we must start at the beginning. The *Titanic* was built in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Back then, it was the world's biggest and fanciest ship. It was 882 feet (269 meters) long, or about three football fields! The ship took thousands of workers nearly three years to finish.

On April 10, 1912, *Titanic* set sail on its first trip. Over 2,200 people were on board. It was traveling from Southampton, England, to New York City, USA. It stopped in France and Ireland to pick up passengers. On

spotted a large iceberg. Most of it was underwater. Only a small tip was visible above the waves. The ship tried to turn, but it was too late. A loud, grinding crash echoed through the ship. The mighty *Titanic* scraped the iceberg. The impact tore open the steel plates along its side.

Ice-cold water gushed in. It raced through the lower decks, filling one room after another. The ship began to tilt forward. At first, it leaned just a little. Soon it tipped more and more.

The crew rushed to wake sleeping passengers. Many were in their pajamas

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and felt confused. They did not think anything was wrong because the damage couldn't be seen yet. The musicians even kept playing music to calm everyone.

As time passed, some people hurried to the lifeboats. But there was a big problem. There were not enough lifeboats. There were only enough for about half the people aboard. Most spots went to women and children.

As the front of the ship dipped into the sea, the back slowly rose into the air. Lights flickered. Then they went out. Everything on the ship went dark. It was



The last lifeboat successfully launched from the *Titanic* on April 15, 1912.



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into the icy water.

Soon, the entire ship was gone. The sinking took two hours and forty minutes. More than 1,500 people died. It took almost two more hours for a ship to pick up those who lived. It was one of the worst sea disasters in history.

This event taught the world important lessons. New rules were



the iceberg that sunk *Titanic*

popular culture.

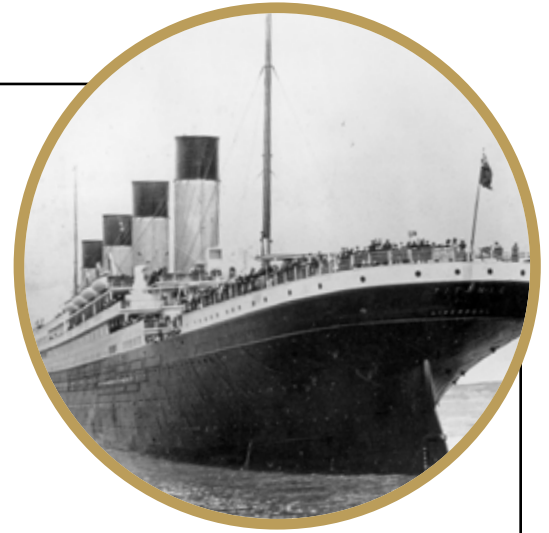
In 1997, the movie *Titanic* was a huge hit. It helped new generations learn about the ship, the disaster, and the people on board. Books like *I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* also tell the story. These movies

and books teach people about the past, so we can try to make sure something like this never happens again.

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The Mighty *Titanic*

By Lydia Lukidis



1. Why did people most likely think *Titanic* couldn't sink?
 - a. They thought it was too big to sink.
 - b. They thought it was too fancy to sink.
 - c. They thought it moved too quickly to hit anything.
 - d. They didn't think there was anything unsafe in the Atlantic Ocean.
2. When did *Titanic* finish sinking?
 - a. April 14, 1912, at 2:20 a.m.
 - b. April 14, 1912, at 11:40 p.m.



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Tick two and explain how they would make ships safer.

1. _____

2. _____

5. Which best describes the main idea of this article?
 - a. Travel by boat is unsafe, even on big ships like *Titanic*.
 - b. Icebergs were the greatest danger to ships in the early 1900s.
 - c. What happened to *Titanic* was awful, but we learned a lot from it.
 - d. What happened to *Titanic* proves that all ships can sink.

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The Mighty Titanic



The scrambled words below are vocabulary words from the article. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Please be sure each word is spelled correctly.

1. _____ s i d r a t e s
clue: event causing great loss of life or damage
2. _____ s l i r l d
clue: acts of practice until something is perfect



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6. _____ g l u p d e n
clue: dropped into with force
7. _____ m i p t a c
clue: hit; strike
8. _____ l i v i s e b
clue: able to be seen
9. _____ k i l f e c d e r
clue: went in and out between bright and dim
10. _____ d i r g g i n n
clue: pressing or rubbing together roughly

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The *Mighty Titanic*

In the article, "The *Mighty Titanic*," you learned that the ship *Titanic* hit an iceberg and sank on its very first trip.

Pretend your friends wants to know the timeline of *Titanic*'s trip and sinking. On the lines below, summarize the main events. Use specific dates and times from the text. Then, on the back of the page, draw a timeline to go along with your summary. Label all the events you talk about.

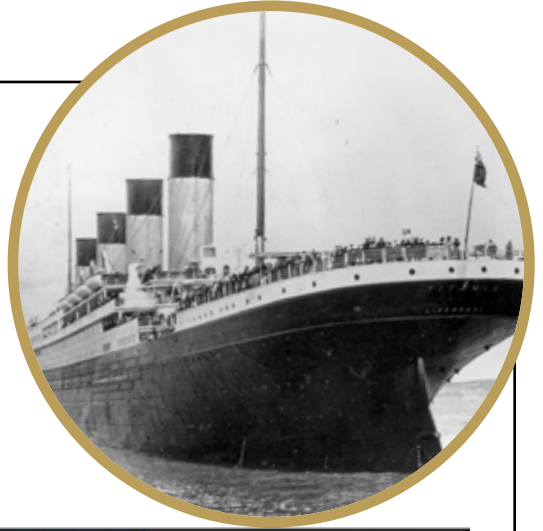
A cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit and a red cape, is flying through a blue sky with white clouds. He has a shield on his chest with the letters 'MJS' on it.

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ANSWER KEY

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