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Titanic: A First and Final Trip

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The sun shone down on sparkling

open. Icy water rushed inside.



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with private bathrooms. Others were families in smaller cabins. They hoped for a new life in America.

For a few days, the trip was calm. People walked on deck and used the swimming pool. They enjoyed the beautiful blue sea.

Things changed on April 14. Around 11:40 p.m., lookouts spotted a giant iceberg ahead. Most of it was hidden under the water. Just a small white peak showed above.

The crew tried to turn the ship, but it was too late. The *Titanic* scraped along the iceberg. The metal on its side tore

this. They didn't know how many people fit in a lifeboat. When they began filling lifeboats, they filled many only half way. By the time people realized the danger, most lifeboats were gone.

Meanwhile, the ship sank deeper and deeper. Then *Titanic* split in two. The front half plunged beneath the waves. The back half hung for a moment, then it sank too.

The sinking lasted two hours and forty minutes. More than 1,500 people lost their lives. *Titanic*'s story is still remembered today. It teaches us about safety, courage, and how quickly things can change.

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 - b. April 14, 1912, at 2:20 a.m.
 - c. April 14, 1912, at 11:40 p.m.
 - d. April 15, 1912, at 2:20 a.m.
2. Reread the following sentences from the article.

Over 2,200 people were on board. Some were rich. They stayed in grand rooms with private bathrooms. Others were families in smaller cabins.



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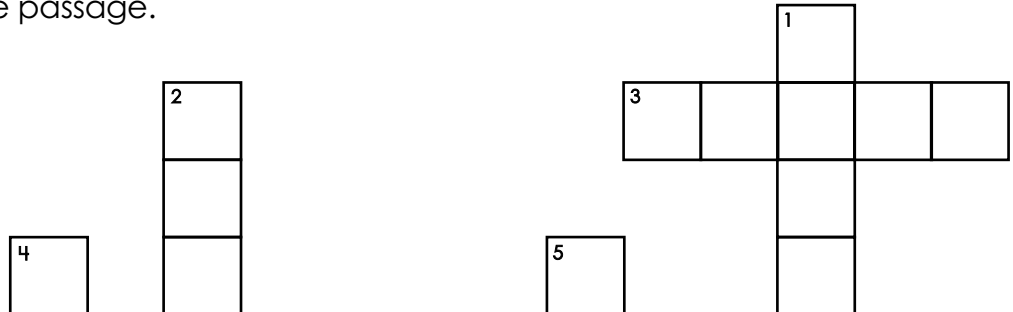
- b. Many lifeboats weren't filled all the way, so the crew wasn't trained.
 - c. It was late at night, so no one could spot the iceberg.
 - d. There were more than 2,200 passengers, so there should always be enough lifeboats for people.
4. About how many people survived the sinking? _____
 5. The author says the story of the *Titanic* shows us how quickly things can change. Write 2 to 4 sentences summarizing the article in a way that supports that claim.

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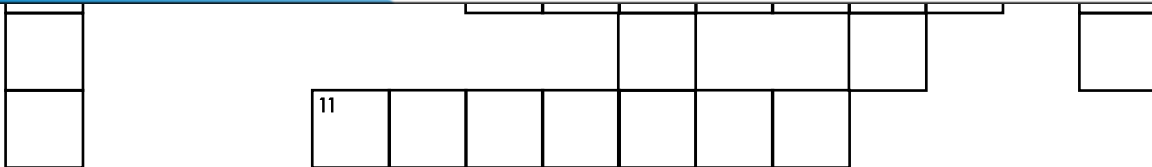
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Complete the crossword puzzle using words from the passage.



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Down:

- 1. people aboard a ship, plane, or car
- 2. used to carry people to safety from a sinking ship
- 4. synonym for *peaceful*
- 5. dragged along the surface
- 6. went into quickly and with force
- 7. strength in the face of danger

Across:

- 3. big and fancy
- 6. used only by one person or family
- 8. pointed tip or top of something
- 9. harm caused to a person or object
- 10. synonym for *practiced*; *prepared for*
- 11. big chunk of ice floating in the ocean

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In the article, "*Titanic*: A First and Final Trip," you learned there were many problems with *Titanic*'s lifeboats. These include the number of lifeboats and how many people the crew put into them.

Pretend you are in charge of ship safety rules in 1912. What changes would you make to stop this from happening again? Tell how the changes would help and how you would make sure people follow the new rules.



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