

Titanic

Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

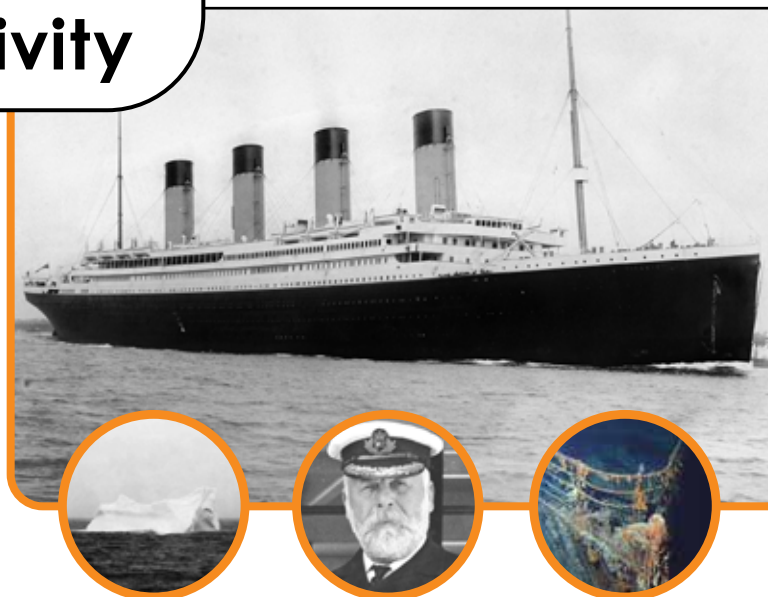
- 18 *Titanic* fact cards (pages 2–6)
- *Titanic* questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the *Titanic* questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 *Titanic* fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find



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Management tips

You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.

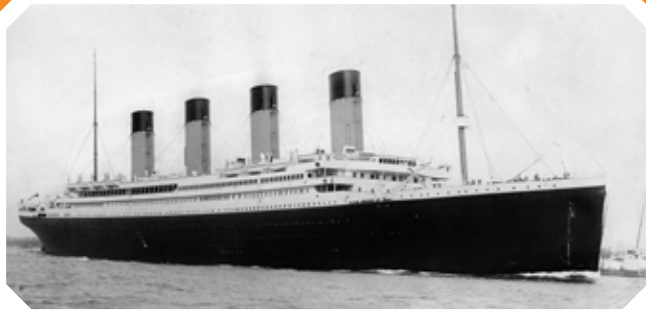


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Fact Card

1



The *Titanic* was over 882 feet (269 m) long and 92 feet (28 m) wide. She weighed more than

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Fact Card

2

Titanic left Southampton, England. She picked up passengers in Cherbourg, France, then in Queenstown, Ireland. After, she sailed for New York City.



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3

At 11:40 p.m., April 14, 1912, *Titanic* hit an iceberg. It disappeared into the ocean at 2:20 a.m., April 15. It wasn't seen again until September 1, 1985.



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4



Margaret Brown helped others into lifeboats before she was forced into one. She wanted to row back to help more

people but was stopped. After, the "Unsinkable Molly Brown" raised money for poorer survivors.



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Fact Card

5



The *Titanic* wreck is 2.5 miles (3.8 km) deep. The debris field is big. The bow (front) and stern

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Fact Card

6



Animals were on *Titanic* too. This included the ship cat, pet birds, and 12 dogs.

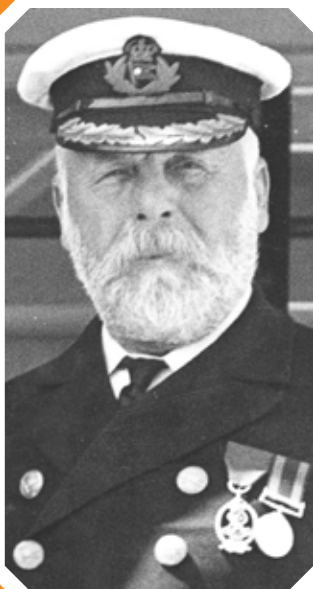


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Captain Edward J. Smith worked on ships for 45 years. The year before he was on *Titanic*, he captained her older sister ship, the *Olympic*.

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Titanic had 20 lifeboats—more than required by law! They fit 1,178 people total. Sadly, most weren't filled. They saved only about 700 people.



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Fact Card

9



Eight musicians entertained first-class passengers. They all played music together on deck as the

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10



Titanic sent two Morse code distress signals: CQD and the newer SOS. The closest ship, the



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11

The *Titanic* could carry a maximum of 3,327 people. It was carrying about 2,200 on its first trip. About 1,500 of them died when it sank.



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12



The first movie about *Titanic* came out May 16, 1912—only 31 days after it sank! It starred Dorothy Gibson, who had survived the sinking.



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13



John Jacob Astor IV, richest man on the ship, was worth at least \$85 million. That's nearly \$3 billion today. His wife and

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The *Titanic* received at least six warnings from other ships



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When *Titanic* sank, the water was 28°F (-2°C). It sent many bodies into shock, killing quickly. Others froze, usually getting hypothermia within 30 minutes.



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There are thousands of recovered *Titanic* artifacts, like dishes, clothing, money, and more. "The Big Piece"—a 15-ton chunk of hull—is in Las Vegas.



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Today, third-class tickets would cost over \$1,000. First-class tickets would start around \$4,500. The most expensive rooms would be around \$170,000 in busy seasons!



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One day, the *Titanic* wreck will be gone. The "rusticles" (rusticles)



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Fact Card 1: How long was the *Titanic*?

Fact Card 2: Where did the final passengers board *Titanic*?

Fact Card 3: When was the *Titanic* shipwreck discovered?



Fact Card 6: How many dogs survived the sinking?

Fact Card 7: What ship was Captain Smith in charge of right before the *Titanic*?

Fact Card 8: How many people could have fit in the lifeboats if they were full?

Fact Card 9: How many musicians played in the band as *Titanic* sank?

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Fact Card 10: Name two Morse code distress signals used in 1912.

Fact Card 11: How many people lost their lives when the *Titanic* sank?

Fact Card 12: The first movie about *Titanic* came out how long after it sank?



Fact Card 15: How cold was the water the night *Titanic* sank?

Fact Card 16: What is "The Big Piece"? Where is it?

Fact Card 17: What would *Titanic*'s priciest rooms cost in the busy season today?

Fact Card 18: How much of *Titanic*'s iron is eaten by bacteria each day?

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Side A

Titanic Scavenger Hunt

Fact Card 1: How long was the *Titanic*?

882 feet (269 m)

Fact Card 2: Where did the final passengers board *Titanic*?

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Fact Card 9: How many musicians played in the band as *Titanic* sank?

eight

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Fact Card 10: Name two Morse code distress signals used in 1912.

CQD and SOS

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Fact Card 18: How much of *Titanic*'s iron is eaten by bacteria each day?

about 400 pounds (180 kg)