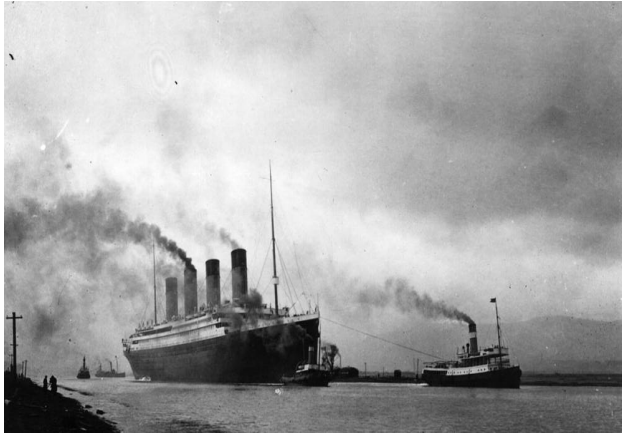


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Worst Ocean Disaster in World's History

Titanic, a ship built in the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, was one of three Olympic Class Ocean Liners.

Titanic, giant White Star liner sinks after collision with an iceberg on her maiden voyage and it is believed that little over 700 have survived.

Tragedy struck in the early hours of April 15, 1912, when a silhouette of an iceberg appeared in front of lookouts Frederick Fleet and Reginald Lee. Frederick struck three bells and telephoned the bridge and watched on as the giant mass of ice punched holes along the starboard side of the ship.

In the hours that followed, frightened and flustered crew members started to board women and children on to the 20 lifeboats required for this 'unsinkable' ship whilst panic and pandemonium surrounded them. In an effort to keep everyone calm, Titanic's eight-member band, led by Wallace Hartley, assembled in the first-class lounge to play. As the ship continued to plunge, the band moved to the forward half of the boat deck and continued playing even when their fate became apparent.

As the liner descended to the depths of the Atlantic Ocean, passengers and crew watched on in silence and disbelief as their lifeboats floated aimlessly over the Atlantic.

By 4am, the Carpathia approached the spot of the collision and, in order to attract the attention of the survivors, the crew launched a spectacular array of rockets and Roman candles.

Over the course of the following four hours, lifeboat after lifeboat arrived at the Carpathia's side. The Titanic survivors were still enveloped by shock; Captain Rostron noted an atmosphere of stillness that accompanied them, many seemed to have been reduced to spectres by the experience. "Through it all that quietness reigned," said Rostron, "as though the disaster were so great that it silenced human emotion."

On Thursday 18 April, the 'ship of widows' sailed into a foggy New York Harbour.

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Titanic

Make a list of names from the report

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Comment on the use of the word

'enveloped' from the report.

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'Ship of Widows' – Give an explanation.

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**Can you find two pairs of alliteration
adjectives?**

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**What other information did you learn
from the story?**

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Vocab – Spectres – Word Class: _____

Definition:

Vocab – Aimlessly – Word Class: _____

Definition: