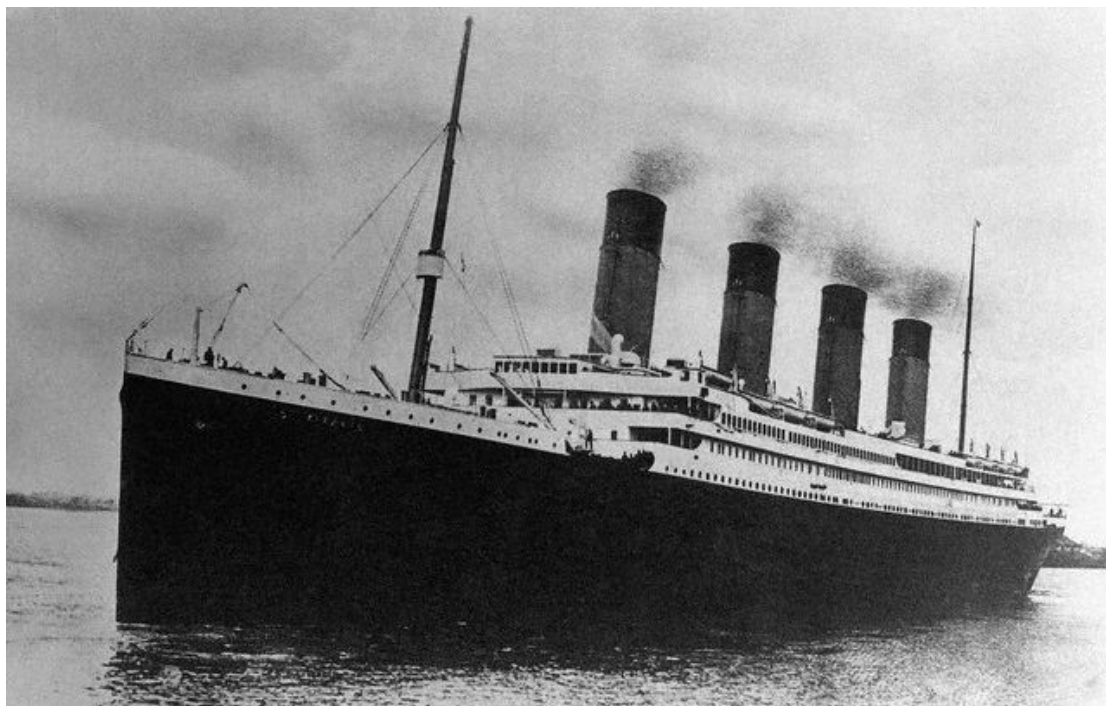


RMS TITANIC



Informative Essay about the RMS Titanic

You are going to write an *informative essay* about the tragedy of the Titanic. This will involve finding information and turning that into sentences and paragraphs to inform your reader about the history of the famous ship.

Follow the instructions and questions in this booklet to collect the facts and information and construct your essay. The sections you will cover are:

Introduction

The Specifications of the Ship

The Maiden Voyage

The Lifeboats

Passengers and Crew

The Sinking of the Ship

The Wreckage

Conclusion: Why is Titanic still remembered?

Be as detailed as possible while collecting this information as this will make writing the essay much easier. Write your answers *in sentences* so that when you are putting your paragraphs together you have proper sentences to include. There is one more thing you have to remember:

- **You MUST write in your own words. Copying from a book or the internet is called *PLAGIARISM* and could result in you getting **NO ENGLISH GRADE** or even **NO STANDARD GRADES AT ALL!****

Introduction

Your introduction should let the reader of the essay know what information will be covered in the rest of the essay. Try thinking about answering some of these questions...

- What was the Titanic?

- Why is it so famous even now, almost 100 years later?

- What kinds of passengers were on the ship?

- Why were people on the Titanic?



Ship Specifications

Titanic was the most extraordinary ship of its time for a number of reasons. Put some facts and information about the *specifications* of the ship. Think about answering these questions...

- Who designed and built the ship?

- Where and how was she built?

- What was her size, weight, length, breadth, height...?

- How many passengers and crew could she hold?

- What did she cost to build? What would the modern cost be?

- Why was she believed to be unsinkable?



The Maiden Voyage

A ship's first journey is called its "maiden voyage." Part of the reason Titanic is so memorable is because it only had one journey that it didn't complete. Write some facts about Titanic's maiden voyage. Think about answering these questions...

- When did Titanic set sail?

- Where from? Where was it going? What stops did it make?

- What famously happened in the waters off Newfoundland? When?

- What speed was the ship going? Why could it not avoid the disaster?
Could the Captain have taken any different decisions?

- How did the passengers and crew react?

The Lifeboats

Part of the reason there were so many casualties when Titanic sank was because of the rules about numbers of lifeboats required by law when the ship was built. Write a paragraph about the lifeboats. Think about answering these questions...

- How many lifeboats were on board?

- How many people could they hold? How many actually got on one?

- What was the rule at the time for filling the boats?

- What class of passengers were most likely to survive?

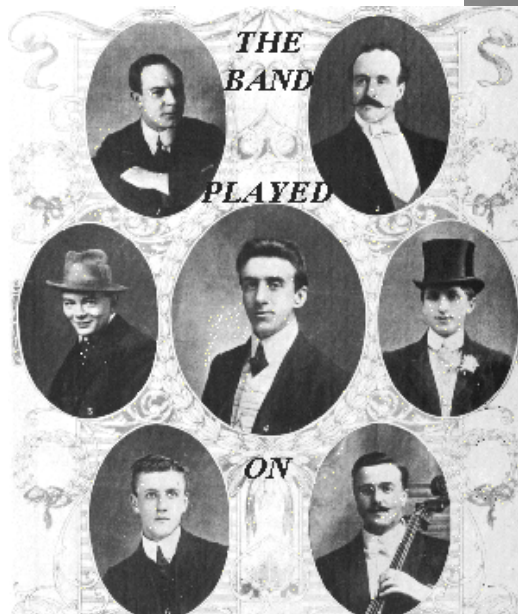
- What happened to those who didn't get on a boat?



Passengers' Stories

In this paragraph, tell some of the stories that survive about the bravery of the passengers and crew after the boat started to founder. Briefly state some of the famous stories that survived the disaster. Think about these passengers and crew...

- Captain Edward J. Smith
- John Jacob Astor
- Benjamin Guggenheim
- 'The Unsinkable' Molly Brown
- Lawrence Beesley
- Fifth Officer Harold Lowe
- The Titanic Band



The Sinking of the Ship

In this paragraph, explain what we now know about the sinking of the ship. Lots of information has been gathered from other ships that received Titanic's distress call and from passengers and crew that survived. Think about these questions...

- How long did it take for the ship to sink?

- How many people went down with the ship?

- Where did the Titanic finally sink?

- What ships responded to the distress call?

- What was the first ship to arrive and collect and look for survivors?



The Wreckage

The discovery of Titanic's wreckage has revealed more information about this famous disaster, and changed some of the long held beliefs about what happened. At the same time it has reignited interest in the famous ship. Think about these questions...

- Who discovered the wreckage and when?

- How did they discover the wreckage? What did they use?

- Where was the wreckage discovered?

- What new things were learned about the disaster from the wreckage?

- What plans have been made for the future of Titanic?

Conclusion

It's now time to wrap up your essay. Your conclusion should sum up what you have discovered about the Titanic disaster and why it remains so intriguing today. Think about answering these questions...

- Summarise the story of what happened to Titanic during its maiden voyage.

- Why do you think it has gone down in history and become so memorable?

- What has helped to make Titanic more popular in recent years?

- Why is next year an important date in the history of Titanic? What do you think they should do to mark this date?
