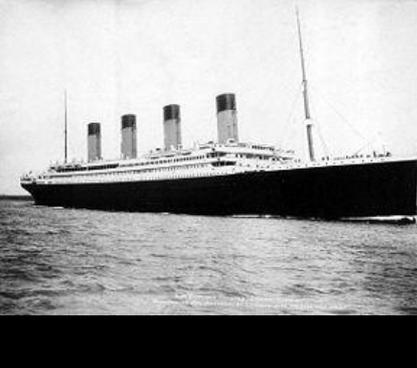


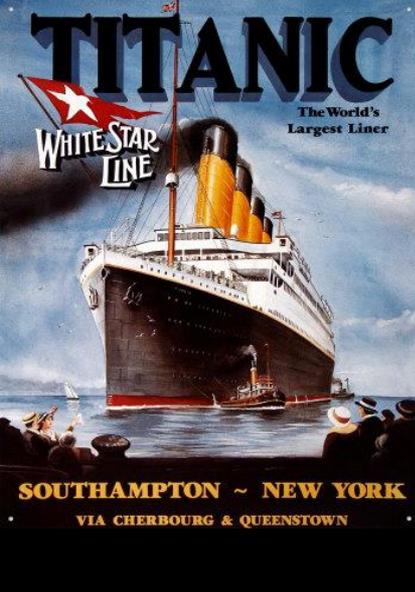
TITANIC

Learning Intention

- To write an informative newspaper article following newspaper conventions.

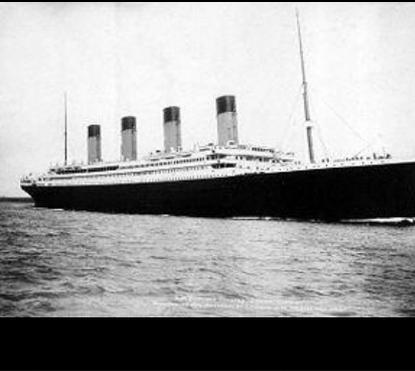


A newspaper advertisement for the Titanic. At the top, it says "WHITE STAR LINE" in a stylized font, with "ROYAL & STEAMERS" and "UNITED STATES MAIL" in smaller text. Below that, it reads "FIRST SAILING OF THE LATEST ADDITION TO THE WHITE STAR FLEET" and "The Queen of the Ocean". The word "TITANIC" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below the name is a small illustration of the ship. At the bottom, it lists specifications: "LENGTH 882 FT.", "OVER 45,000 TONS", "BEAM 92 FT.", and "TRIPLE-SCREWS". The final line of text reads: "This, the Latest, Largest and Finest Steamer Afloat, will sail from WHITE STAR LINE, PIER 59 (North River), NEW YORK".



Newspaper Article Conventions

How is the article laid out?
(what does it look like on the page?)

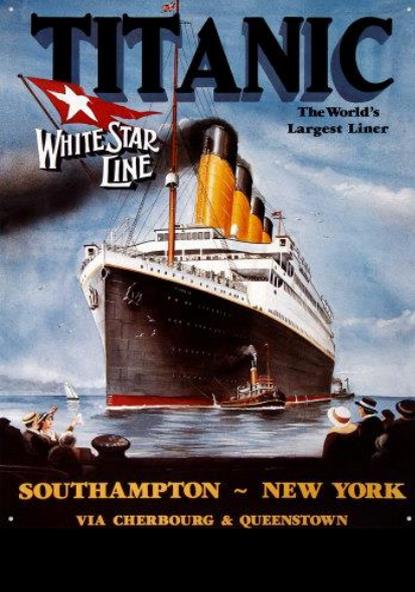


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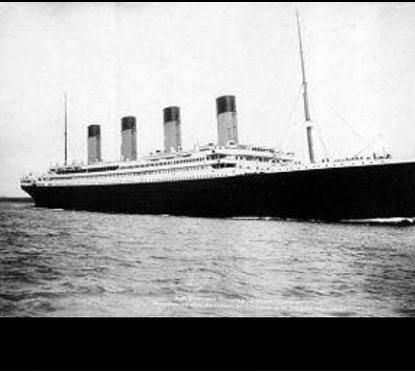


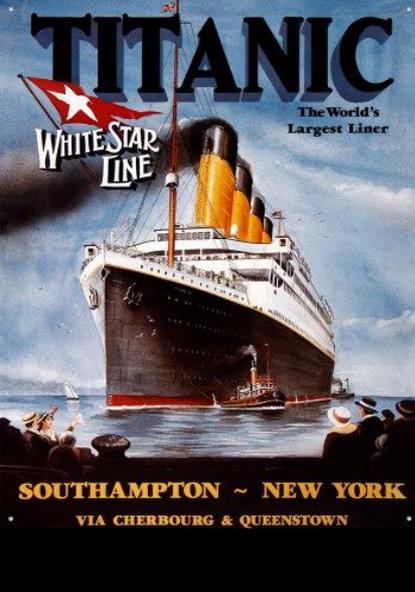
How is the article structured?
(what information is included and where?)



Newspaper Language Conventions

- Written in the third person
- Range of tenses used
- Use of connectives
- Language will be formal
- Sentences can be long and complex with use of commas to separate elements
- Paragraphs – two or three sentences long
- Use of emotive or eye-catching words in headlines
- Captions use straight-forward language
- Reporter often gives personal opinion
- Use of direct quotation and reported speech





Newspaper Structure Conventions

Headline:

All stories have a headline, which gives the reader an idea of what the article is about. Tabloid headlines often use **puns** or other techniques, such as **alliteration**, to captivate their audience.

Introduction:

As the first paragraph in an article, the introduction is very important. Its contents tell the reader in more detail what the article is about. Research into how people read newspapers shows that most people read the headline first, followed by the first paragraph of the story. If the introduction is not interesting then most people will not continue reading the article. The first paragraph is often known as a **stand-first**, printed in a bold font.

Elaboration:

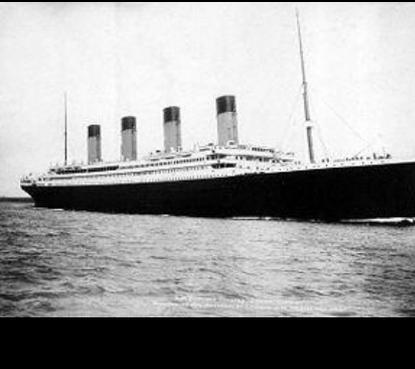
The next few paragraphs tell the reader more about the story that is outlined in the introduction. They inform readers about the following key words: what, when, where, who, why, how.

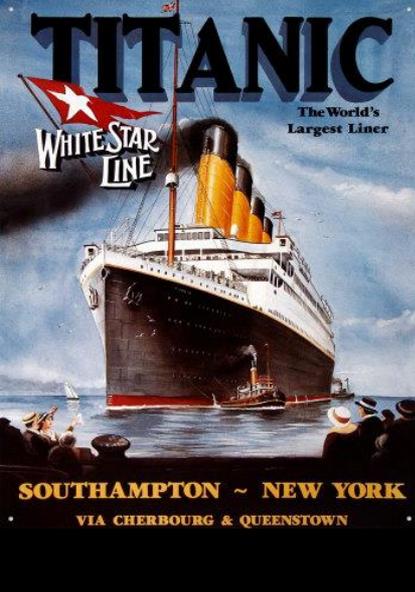
Quotes:

Almost all news stories have comments from those involved or from **voyeurs** (onlookers). Their function is to make the article more objective by keeping a balanced viewpoint. Alternatively, they can make the article more subjective by sensationalising the reaction of the public and can indicate **bias**.

Projection:

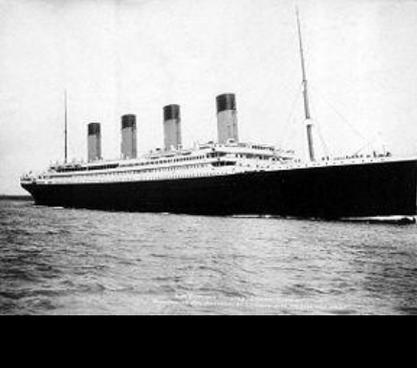
Many stories tell the reader what might happen next in relation to the event or people in the report. This might include a comment from a police officer, an MP, a family member or a general prediction of consequences or outcomes.





Titanic Newspaper Headlines

Look at the following newspapers from 1912.



Imagine the public reaction to Titanic sinking – it was supposed to be ‘unsinkable’.



How are these newspapers different to newspapers you might see now?

To See How
Expensive You Really
Are See This

The Boston Daily Globe.

Subscribe Now
You Will Save
in The Long Run

TITANIC SINKS, 1500 DIE

Carpathia Picks Up 675 Out of 2200---Races for New York---Survivors Mostly Women and Children.

POLICE ORDER DORR'S ARREST

Lynn Chief Accuses Him of the
Murder of George E. Marsh.

Suspect Said to Have Left Boston
Thursday Night---Auto Found Here.



Great Steamer Goes Down
Before Help Arrives.

Virginia or Persian May
Have Some Survivors.

White Star Officials Now
"Horrible Loss of Life".

Newburyport Morning Herald.

BAND PLAYED TILL END!

Titanic Sacrifice to Speed God - Hurlled Through Water at
21 Knot Clip "TO SMASH A RECORD"

LIST OF FAMOUS MEN LOST CORRECT

Arthur, Bates, Hays, Wood, Brown and
Others Were in Their Deaths

Numbers of the Lost and Saved

General Statistics		
Total number of passengers and crew on board at the time of the disaster		
1,517	710	807
Number of passengers	Number of crew	Number of children
Number of men	Number of women	Number of children
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STORIES OF SAVED RECEIVED TO 4 A.M.

Death of Captain Smith Confirmed
Described Sea Struck With Force

The Times Dispatch

WHOLE NUMBER 1897.

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1912.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY—B. 4. 10.

PRICE TWO CENTS

Titanic, Giant White Star Liner, Sinks After Collision With Iceberg on Her Maiden Voyage, and 1,800 Lives Are Reported Lost in World's Greatest Marine Disaster

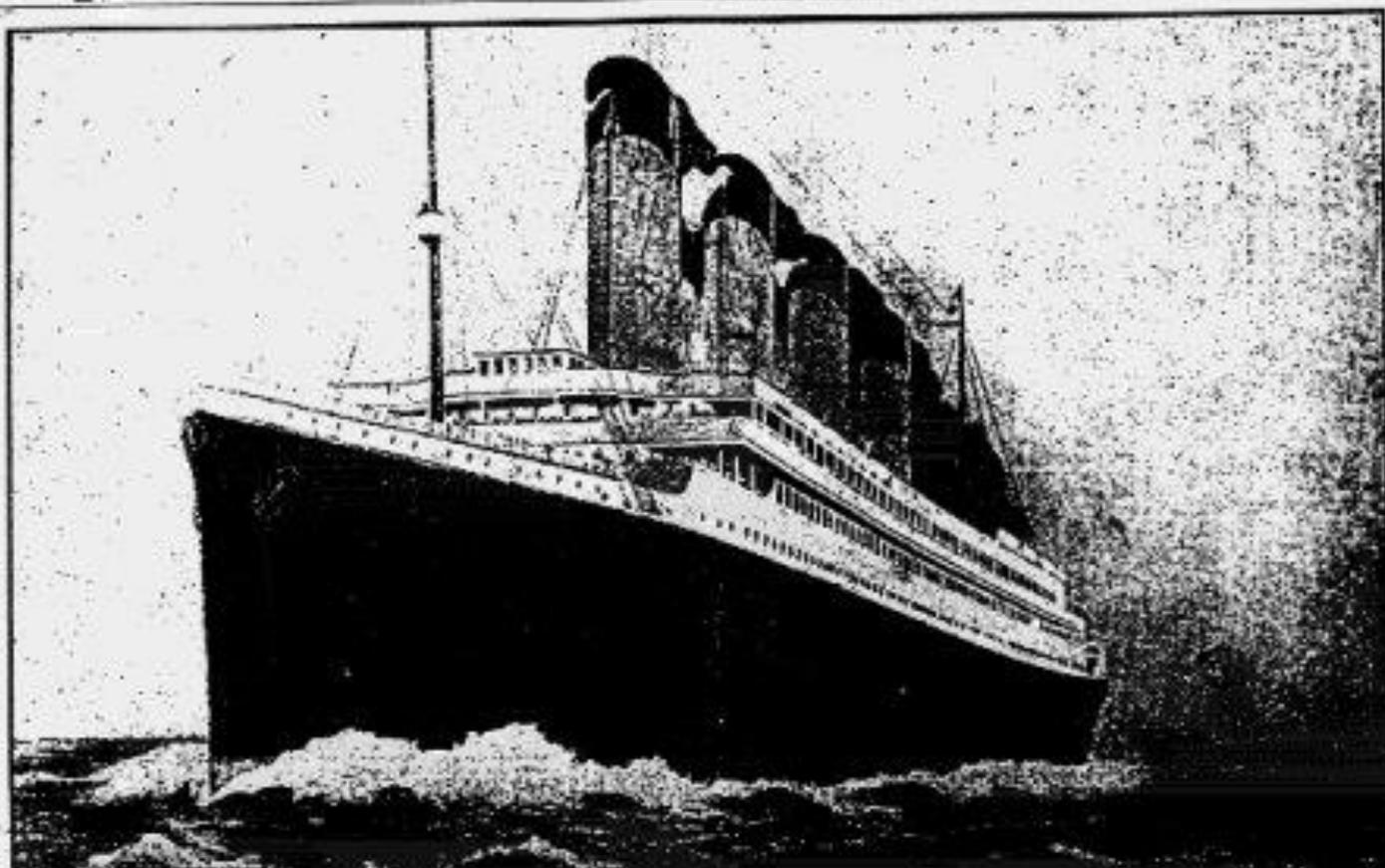
**WIRELESS CALLS
SEND VESSELS
RUSHING TO AID
OF SEA COLOSSUS**

**Through the Night They
Drive With Full
Speed to Reach
Titanic.**

**MEANTIME, WORLD
WAITS IN AGONY
OF SUSPENSE**

Rescuing liners arrive too late, and biggest and most luxurious ship in world goes down, carrying hundreds of passengers and crew. Icebergs making mock of science, which had given of its best to make this sea-palace indestructible and unsinkable.

New York, April 15.—The Titanic, of the White Star line, the biggest and most luxurious ship in the world, lies at the bottom



**OF ALL ON BOARD
ONLY 675 KNOWN
TO HAVE ESCAPED
DEATH IN OCEAN**

**Those Rescued Men,
Women and Child
Who Were Taken
Off in Boats.**

**BITS OF WRECK
ALL THAT IS LEFT
OF GREAT VESSEL**

Steamer Carpathia is first survivors to port—Two vessels not heard from—There is faint hope they may have picked some of Titanic's crew. Is list of those rescued. Are John Jacob Astor, Bruce and many others. Are of world-wide interest.

New York, April 15.—of the message from the Olympic, reporting the



Unsettled Tuesday. Wednesday fair and cooler; moderate southerly winds, becoming variable.

Average temperature year—
 day 54
 Average temperature for corresponding date last year—
 Average temperature for corresponding date last thirty-three years 48

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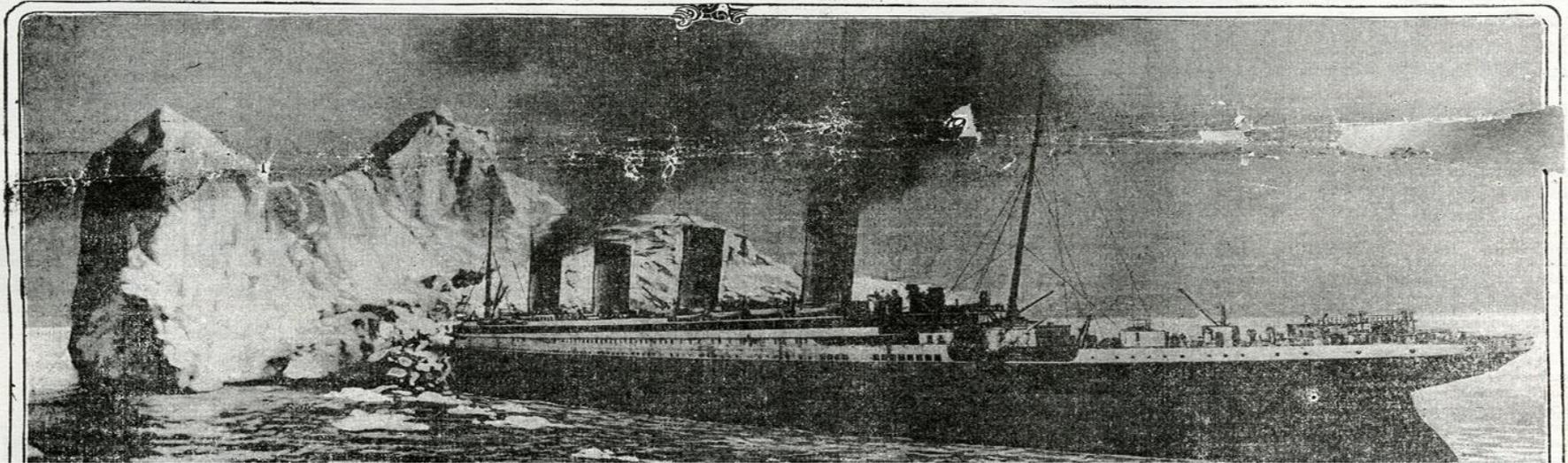
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1912. 16 PAGES

PRICE ONE CENT in Greater New York; Elsewhere and Jersey City, TWO CENTS.

J. J. ASTOR LOST ON TITANIC 1,500 TO 1,800 DEAD

John Jacob Astor was among the passengers who went down with the ship, according to a wireless dispatch received by Bradstreets last night from the liner Olympic. Mrs. Astor was saved and is being brought to shore by the Carpathia.

The Wireless Operator at Cape Race, Newfoundland, Flashes: "Eighteen Hundred Lives Have Been Lost in the Wreck of the Titanic."



TRAGIC DETAILS OF SINKING OF TITANIC GIVEN BY WITNESSES

Richmond Man Rescued Says Captain and Officers Suicided as the Band Played "Nearer My God To Thee." Foreigners who Refused to Obey Orders Are Shot Down.

"WOMEN FIRST" EVEN FROM ASTOR

Tales of Splendid Heroism Told. Three Fearful Explosions Added to Horror. Many Passengers Drowned in Staterooms.

New York, April 19.—Robert Daniel, formerly of Richmond, who was one of the survivors of the Titanic, told the story of the disaster which occurred early Monday morning.

Smith, the captain of the ship, was killed by a bullet in the back of the head.

the passengers that there was no immediate danger, and many returned to their berths.

That accounts for the women not being on the deck when the eminent danger was realized.

Scenes were drowned in the staterooms like rats.

About an hour before the ship plunged to the bottom, there were three separate explosions from the boiler rooms as the vessel filled.

These were at intervals of about fifteen minutes.

Until then there had been no panic and but little disorder. From that moment, however, there was a different scene.

The rush for the remaining life boats became a stampede.

The officers had to assert their authority by force, and three foreigners from the steerage, who tried to force their way in among the women and children, were shot down without mercy.

Daniel says that men fought, struck and bit one another like mad men and exhibits wounds upon his back as proof of the assertion.

passengers carried at the time of the collision, was first class, 330; second class, 320; third class, 750, total, 1,400. Officers and crew, 940; grand total 2,340.

Of the foregoing about the following were rescued by the Carpathia: First class, 210; second class, 125; third class, 200. Officers, 4; seamen 39; stewards, 96; firemen 71; total 210 of the crew.

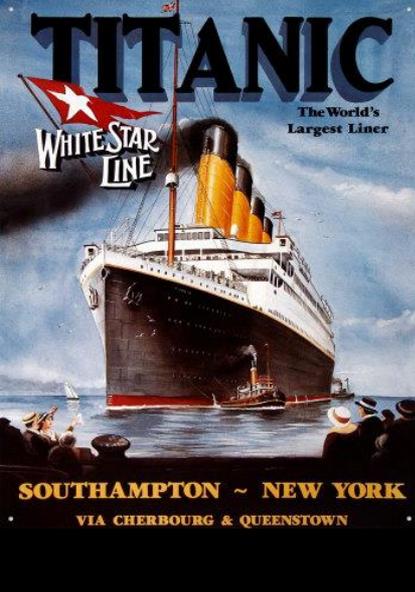
The total rescued, about 775, was about 80 per cent of the maximum capacity of the life boats.

"We feel it our duty to call attention of the public to what we consider the inadequate supply of life saving appliances provided for on liners and recommend immediate steps be taken to compel passenger steamers to carry sufficient number of life boats.

The following facts were observed and should be considered in this connection: The insufficiency of life boats, rafts etc.; lack of trained seamen to man the same (stokers, stewards, etc., are not efficient boat handlers); not enough officers to carry out orders on the bridge and superintend the launching and emergency control of life boats; absence of search lights.

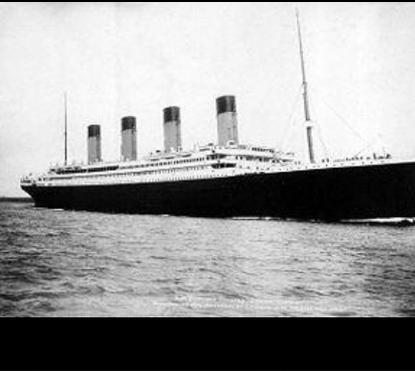
Boats at all times should be properly equipped with provisions, water, lamps, compasses, lights, etc.

In conclusion we suggest that an international conference be called to recommend the passage of laws providing for the safety of all at sea and to ensure that the U. S. Congress



Newspaper Task

Your task is to write a newspaper article as if the Titanic has just sunk. Remember to follow the language, structure and layout conventions of newspaper articles.



Before you start read the following 'real-life' witness accounts of the Titanic sinking – you could use them as eyewitness quotes in your newspaper article...



First Class Passenger Account

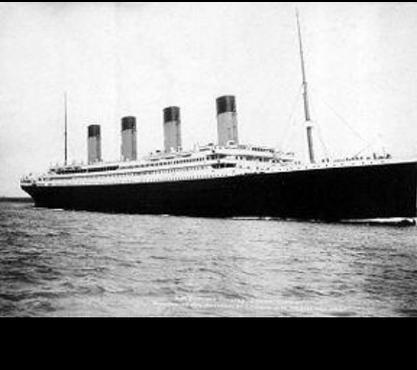
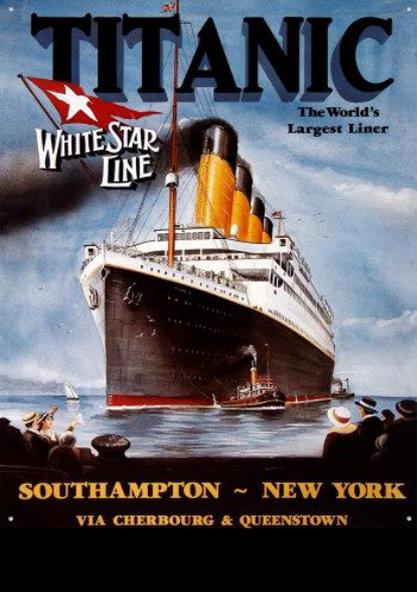
'At 10pm, my wife and I went out for a stroll along the promenade deck and it was ice cold. We went to bed at around 11 and were awakened in the night by a bang which seemed as though the ship had been hit on the side.

'I went onto the deck to see what had happened and saw men in evening clothes chatting. I asked an officer what had happened and he told me that something was wrong with the propeller, but that it was nothing serious.

I went back to my room and was just telling my wife not to bother getting dressed to go outside, when a member of the crew knocked on my door. He whispered for us to get our life jackets and head outside, as the captain had asked for first class passengers to board the lifeboats.

'No one wanted to get in the lifeboats because they felt they were safer on the "unsinkable" ship, and for that reason the boats went out half full to start with. As I helped my wife to board her boat I saw third class passengers armed with knives and clubs, fighting to get on the lifeboats. Unfortunately the officers had to shoot some of them to stop the lifeboats being swamped and drowned with people.

'I will never forget their screams as I sat with my wife in the lifeboat, and how we wanted to go back for them as our boat had spaces, but could not risk them dragging us under with their weight. It is a decision that will haunt me forever.'



Newspaper Planning

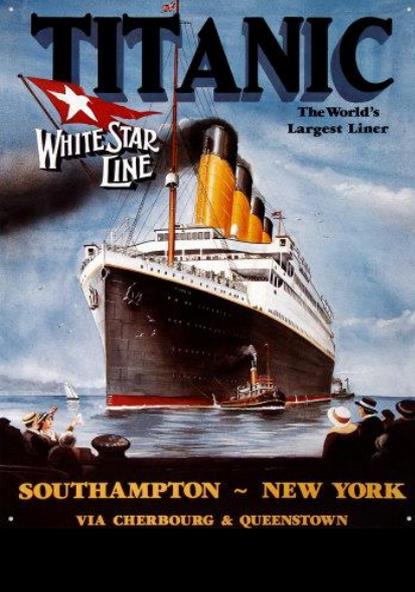
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1. **WHAT** happened?
2. **WHO** was involved?
3. **WHERE** did it happen?
4. **WHY** did it happen?
5. **HOW** did it happen?

- an eyewitness account?
- an expert opinion?
- a brief summary of events?
- historical background?
- reaction from public figures?

Don't forget to plan your article first!

Use the questions here to help you!



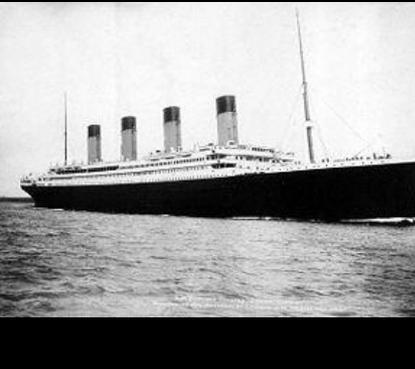
Newspaper Writing

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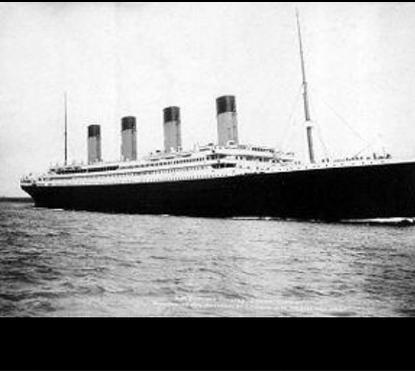
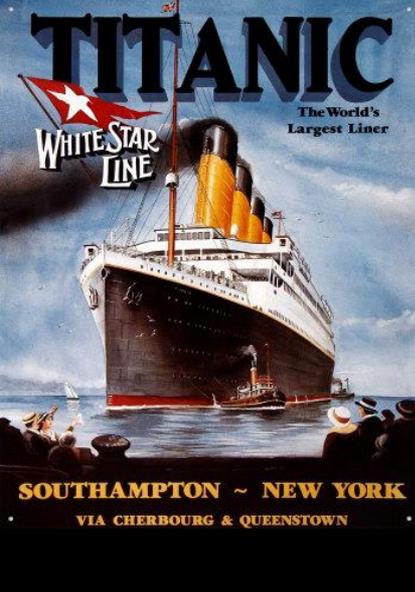


Ship Sinks!

Alliteration



How could I improve this headline?



Proof Read

Before you hand in your newspaper article remember to proof read your work!

Is it your best effort?

Does it follow newspaper conventions?

Have you checked the spelling and punctuation?

Did you remember paragraphs?

Have you missed out or misused a word?