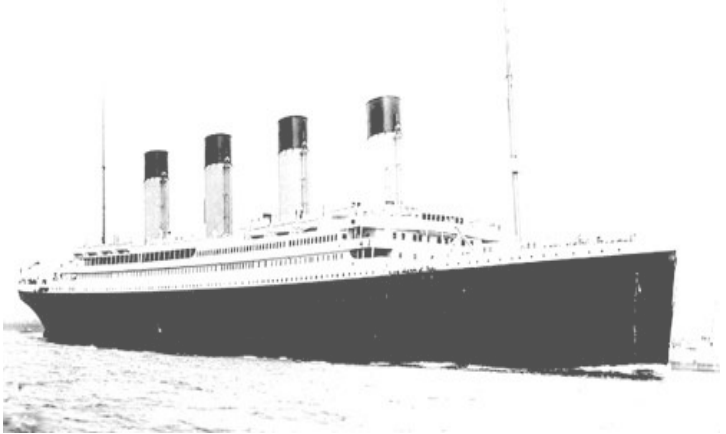


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The Titanic



April 15, 1912

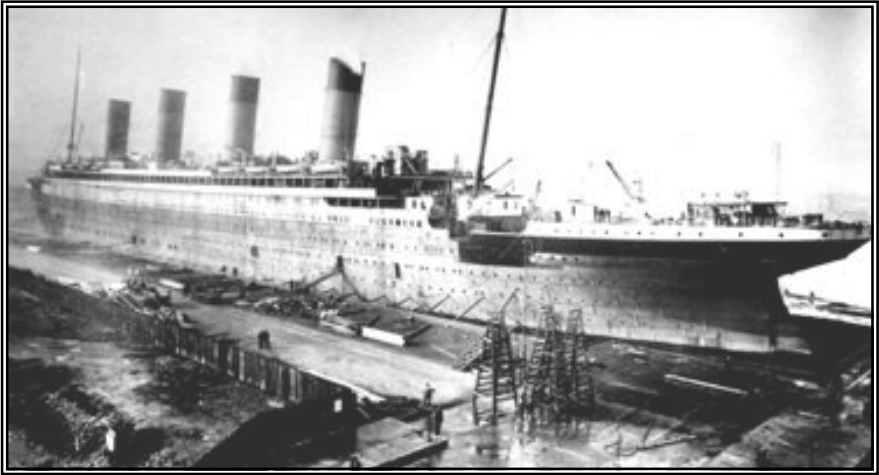
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Titanic, the Ship of Dreams, was unrivaled in magnificence. She was the pinnacle of modern elegance and considered “the last word in shipbuilding.”

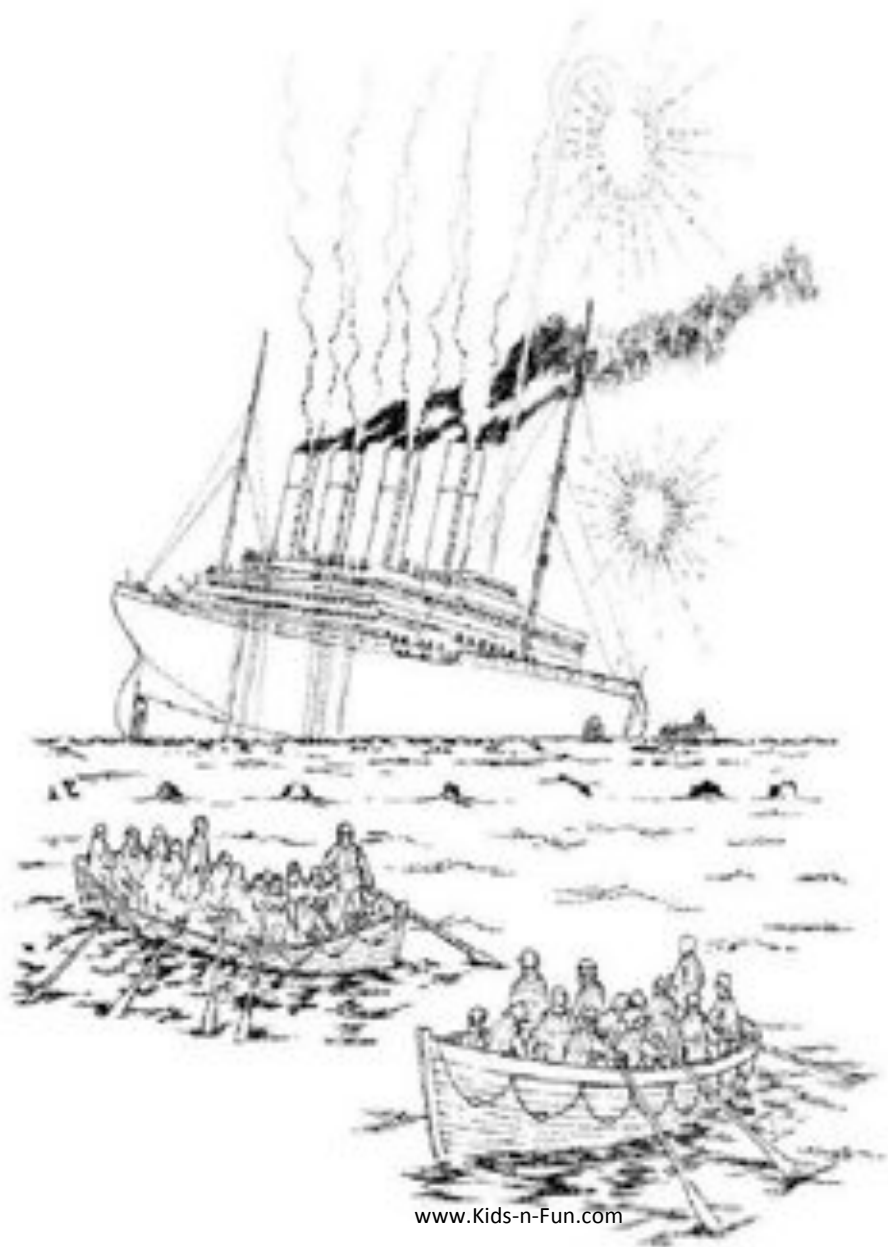
The *Titanic* was the crowning achievement of Harland and Wolff Shipyards. She was the largest ship in the world at 882½ feet long (almost four city blocks). She had eleven decks and an average speed of 21 knots (about 23 mph). She could carry over 3300 passengers and crew. The ticket for this maiden voyage across the Atlantic would cost \$4350. That’s a modern equivalent of over \$80,000; and on that voyage was gathered a who’s who list of the rich and famous.

Beyond her beauty and elegance, she was also strong. She had a double bottom with sixteen watertight compartments. She would be able to float even if she had four compartments open to the sea. She was considered “practically unsinkable” by the prestigious British journal *Shipbuilder*.

From a human perspective, her sinking doesn't make sense. There was no reason to think this ship would ever go down. It was even said by a *Titanic* deckhand to passenger Mrs. Albert Caldwell that, "God Himself could not sink this ship." That is quite a bold statement. While many people make many prideful boasts to tempt God, we do not often see such tragic results of this sort of pride. We would do well to watch our words and not invite His rightful judgment. A passenger on the *Titanic* agreed. Eva Hart, a survivor, said, "My mother had a premonition from the very word 'GO.' She knew there was something to be afraid of and the only thing that she felt strongly about was that to say a ship was unsinkable was flying in the face of God. Those were her words."

With boasts as in the time of Babel, it was inviting God’s judgment. For David writes in Psalm 59:12-13, “For the sin of their mouth and the words of their lips, let them even be taken in their pride, And for the cursing and lying which they speak. Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be; and let them know that God rules in Jacob To the ends of the earth.”

Sadly, the *Titanic* did sink on April 15, 1912, and over 1500 men, women, and children lost their lives that night because of God’s powerful providence. In fact, if any ONE of the following 13 things did NOT happen, the *Titanic* would not have gone down OR, if it had gone down, every life might have been saved.



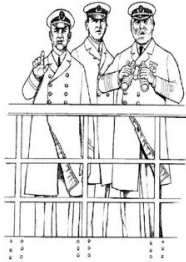
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Providential Facts

1. There were not enough lifeboats to hold the number of passengers and crewmembers on board.
2. With minimal lifeboat training, the result was poor operation and improper filling.
3. The *Californian* was 8-10 miles away at the time, but despite her crew seeing *Titanic's* 8 rockets, she did not come to her aid.
4. The men in the telegraph office ignored at least six warnings of icebergs in the area.
5. The ship's binoculars were nowhere to be found.
6. There had been an unusually severe winter in the North Atlantic causing more than 25 icebergs in this particular ice pack.
7. It was reported there had not been such a calm, moonless night like that one in the previous 50 years.
8. With no wind to dash the waves at the base of the berg, it was very difficult to see.
9. This particular iceberg was of the blue type with coloration patterns especially hard to distinguish from the water.
10. Captain Smith had increased *Titanic's* speed to more than 22 knots. At a slower speed it is likely she would have been able to turn and avoid collision.
11. "Warning! Warning! Warning," cried the crow's nest 15 minutes prior to the strike but were ignored.
12. If the *Titanic's* bulkheads had been one deck higher, she would not have sunk.
13. Unfortunately, First Officer Murdock made the fatal decision to reverse engines and turn aside at the last minute. A head-on collision would have caused less damage.

Lessons on Pride

God Will Not Be Mocked: *Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18*



The following are quotes from people associated with the *Titanic* along with relevant scriptures.

In the summer of 1907, Bruce Ismay and Lord Pirrie discussed their wanting to have control over the Atlantic route with the most luxurious and beautiful ships.

And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." Gen. 11:4



"God Himself could not sink this ship." - Titanic deckhand

"I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze." Leviticus 26:19



"I cannot imagine any condition which would cause a ship to founder. I cannot conceive of any vital disaster happening to this vessel. Modern ship building has gone beyond that."- Captain Smith, Commander of *Titanic*, speaking of the *Adriatic* 6 years before *Titanic's* sinking.

"Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever, their dwelling places to all generations; they call their lands after their own names. Nevertheless man, though in honor, does not remain; he is like the beasts that perish." Psalm 49:11-12



"Go back to bed. This ship is unsinkable." -Hudson Allison, *Titanic* passenger, to his wife's maid after the engines stopped.

"When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom." Proverbs 11:2

Lessons on Pride

“Why, she is listing! She should not do that! The water is perfectly calm and the boat has stopped.” - Major Arthur Godfrey Peuchen, manufacturing chemist from Toronto.



“Oh, I don’t know. You cannot sink this boat.”- Charles M. Hays, President of the Grand Trunk Railroad

The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Whose habitation is high; you who say in your heart, ‘Who will bring me down to the ground?’ Though you ascend as high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down,” says the LORD.” Obadiah 1:3-4



“We place absolute confidence in the Titanic. We believe that the boat is unsinkable.” - Philip A. S. Franklin, Vice-President of White Star Line at 8:00 a.m. on April 15, 1912 (after she had already sunk)

“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.” Psalm 20:7



“The pleasure and comfort which all of us enjoyed up on this floating palace, with its extraordinary provisions for such purposes, seemed an ominous feature to many of us, including myself, who felt it almost too good to last without some terrible retribution inflicted by the hand of an angry omnipotence.”- Major Archibald Gracie, Titanic Survivor

“And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. Deuteronomy 8:18-19

Examples of Heroism

*Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13*

1. Many people sacrificed their lives for others during the sinking of the *Titanic*. God gave courage and strength beyond measure. These are just a few examples of how God provided immense blessing in the midst of His profound judgment.



2. "If anything should happen to me, tell my wife I've done my best in doing my duty." - Benjamin Guggenheim

3. Men firmly put their wives and children on lifeboats knowing full well they would never meet on this earth again.

4. Miss Evans gave up her seat on a lifeboat to Mrs. Brown, a woman with children.

5. About fifty bellboys onboard did not even attempt to board the lifeboats.

6. Men in the engine room stayed working at their posts as long as possible.

7. The band continued to play until the very moment the ship sank. This greatly calmed the passengers and kept panic from breaking out.

8. Fifth Officer Lowe rounded up five lifeboats and tied them together. Then, he transferred passengers between boats so his could return to search for survivors.

9. Thirteen men died for every woman who died in the *Titanic* tragedy.

Examples of Heroism

*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this:
to visit orphans and widows in their trouble,
and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. James 1:27*

10. Wireless operators John George Phillips and Harold Bride worked tirelessly throughout the entire ordeal.

11. After *Titanic's* sinking, the *Carpathia* rescued her survivors. God provided for *Titanic's* survivors in big and small ways through the people on the *Carpathia*, especially her Commander, Captain Arthur H. Rostron.

12. Captain Rostron, Commander of the *Carpathia*, was known to seek God in prayer for guidance.

13. Captain Rostron turned off all heat and hot water on his ship to use every bit of steam for the engines, increasing his speed to 17 knots to rush to *Titanic's* aid (her usual speed was 14 knots).

14. Captin Rostron strategically ordered all preparations for rescue operations. He saw to it that all the survivors' needs were met.

15. The crewmembers of the *Carpathia* attended to the *Titanic* survivors with great concern and sensitivity.

16. The passengers of the *Carpathia* gave up their rooms and belongings to the *Titanic* survivors. Some even made cloths for the children from extra blankets they found on board.

17. *Carpathia's* doctors attended to all survivors, regardless of class.

18. Captain Rostron, when deciding where to take *Titanic* survivors, decided on New York because it would best meet their needs. He took personal responsibility for their safety and comfort, choosing to keep them on his ship instead of transferring them to the *Olympic*, another White Star Liner.

19. *Titanic* survivors took up a collection to help the more needy among them who had lost everything.

Titanic Timeline

Match the left column with the correct event.

The answers are at the end of the book.

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|------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1) March 3, 1909 | ___ | Sea trials |
| 2) May 31, 1911 | ___ | Work begins on keel |
| 3) February 1912 | ___ | Hull launched |
| 4) April 2, 1912 | ___ | Ship Completed |

Maiden Voyage, 1912

April 10

Noon Leaves Southampton dock

April 14

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|------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m. | <i>Caronia</i> reports ice |
| 1:42 p.m. | <i>Baltic</i> reports ice |
| 1:45 p.m. | <i>Amerika</i> reports ice |
| 7:30 p.m. | <i>Californian</i> reports ice |
| 9:30 p.m. | Second Officer Lightoller warns crew's nest to watch for ice |
| 9:40 p.m. | <i>Mesaba</i> reports ice |
| 11:00 p.m. | <i>Californian</i> reports ice, but is cut off before giving location |
| 11:40 p.m. | Collides with iceberg |

Titanic Timeline

April 15

- 12:05 a.m. Orders given to uncover boats, muster crew and passengers. At this time, the Captain knew *Titanic* would sink.
- 12:15 a.m. First wireless call for help (CQD)
- 12:45 a.m. First SOS in history sent
- 12:45 a.m. First rocket fired
- 12:45 a.m. First lifeboat lowered
- 12:50 a.m. Received message the *Carpathia* was on her way
- 1:40 a.m. Last rocket fired
- 2:05 a.m. Last boat lowered
- 2:05 a.m. Captain tells crew, "Every man for himself"
- 2:10 a.m. Last wireless signals sent
- 2:15 a.m. Bridge dips under water
- 2:18 a.m. Lights fail
- 2:20 a.m. Ship founders
- 3:30 a.m. *Carpathia's* rockets sighted by lifeboats
- 4:10 a.m. First boat picked up by *Carpathia*
- 8:30 a.m. Last boat picked up
- 8:50 a.m. *Carpathia* heads for New York with 705 survivors



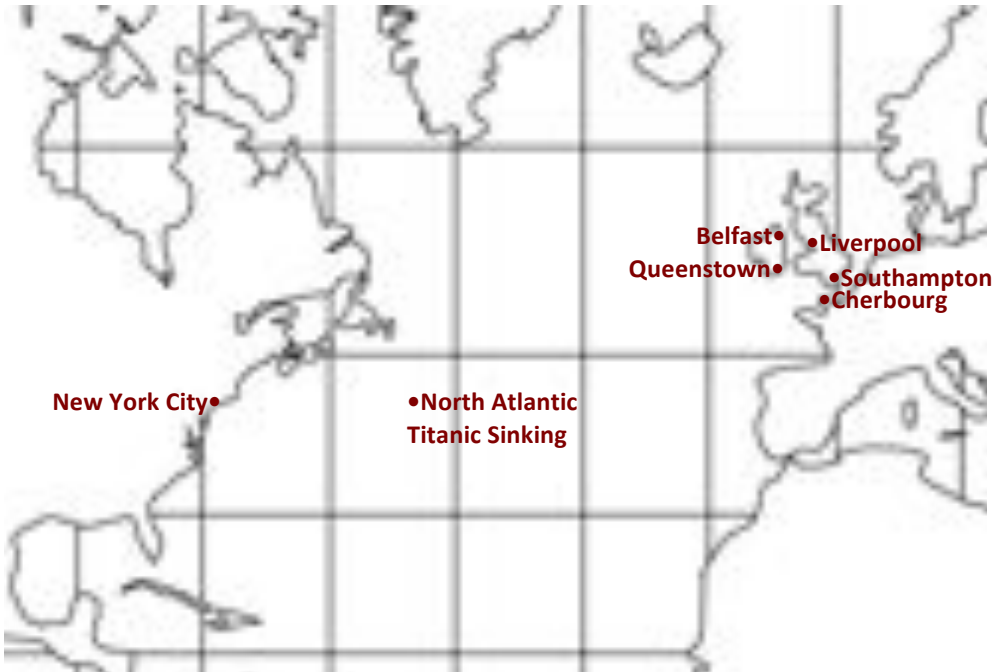
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Titanic: Geography

Match the following cities with their *Titanic* connection. Then locate them on your map.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Liverpool, England | A. City where Titanic was built |
| 2. Southampton, England | B. Location of Titanic's registry |
| 3. Cherbourg, France | C. Maiden voyage origin city |
| 4. Belfast, Ireland | D. Intended destination |
| 5. Queenstown (Cobh), Ireland | E. First port city |
| 6. New York City, USA | F. Second port city |

The answers are at the end of the book.



Ideas from http://www.titanicbranson.com/titanic_guide_home.php

Titanic Facts

Decide if each statement is TRUE or FALSE.

The answers are at the end of the book.

1. ___ *Titanic* was the first ship to send an SOS message as it had just been developed at a recent conference.
2. ___ According to regulations, *Titanic* did not have enough lifeboats.
3. ___ The men in the telegraph office ignored at least 3 warnings of icebergs in the area.
4. ___ It was a moonless and very calm night the night the *Titanic* went down.
5. ___ The iceberg the *Titanic* struck was of the blue type, very easy to see.
6. ___ The *Titanic* sank on April 15, 1910.
7. ___ Captain E. J. Smith was the captain of the *Titanic*.
8. ___ The *Carpathia* was the ship who rescued *Titanic's* survivors.



More Titanic Facts

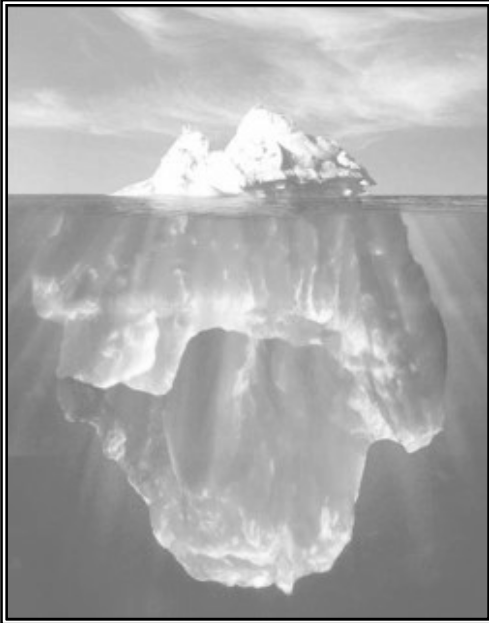
God, in His mercy, caused changes in ship safety due to *Titanic's* sinking:

- Lifeboats for all passengers and crewmembers
- Better and more frequent boat drills
- 24-hour wireless operator duty
- Improved watertight integrity
- Ice messages taken seriously
- No “unsinkable ship”
- International Ice Patrol
- Coast Guard moves icebergs when necessary
- Winter steamer lane moved south



Titanic Science: Icebergs

Do some research on icebergs and the International Ice Patrol (IIP) to answer the following questions.



How do icebergs form?

What factors influence the different coloration patterns in icebergs?

How much of an iceberg is above and below the waterline?

There are six main types of icebergs. Draw an example of each type.

When did the International Ice Patrol begin?

How large is the IIP patrol area?

Since the International Ice Patrol (IIP) began, how many lives have been lost due to collision with icebergs from ships that have heeded the IIP's warnings?

<http://www.luminous-landscape.com/essays/blue-icebergs.shtml>

<http://www.wordplay.com/tourism/icebergs/index.html>

<http://www.uscg-iip.org/>

Titanic Science: Buoyancy

Define buoyancy.

Who is called the Father of Buoyancy and why?

How can ships float, especially one as heavy as the *Titanic*?

In terms of buoyancy, why did the *Titanic* sink?

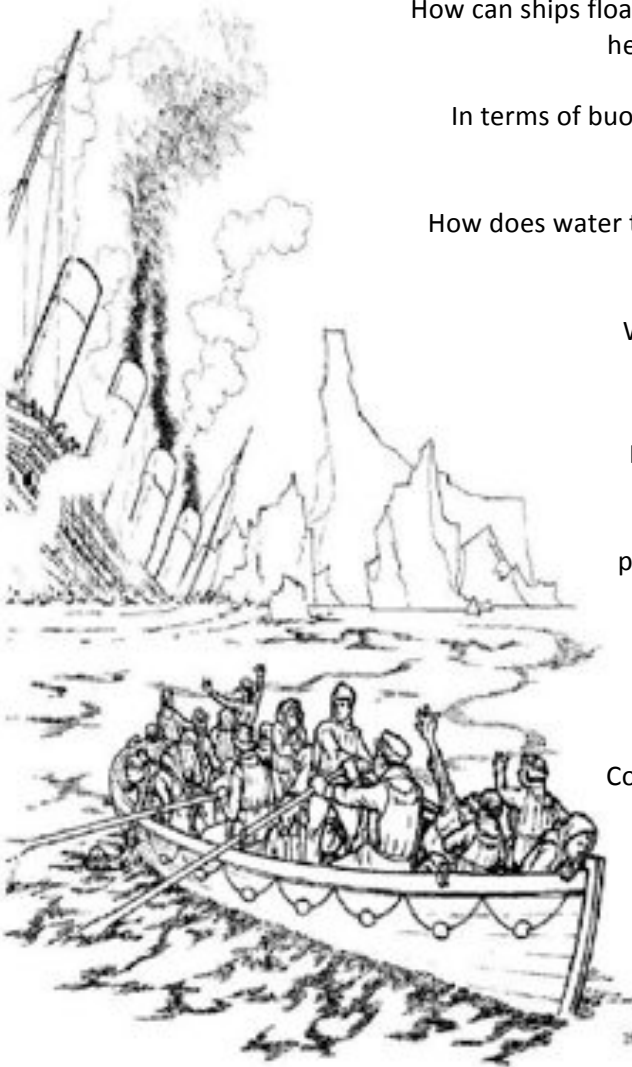
How does water temperature affect buoyancy?

Why does ice float?

Activity:

Make a boat out of aluminum foil; put the foil boat into a plastic tub of water.

Fill the boat with pennies one at a time and keep adding them until the boat sinks. Count the number of pennies it took to sink the boat. Why did the aluminum boat sink after you added these pennies?



Creative Writing





Autumn

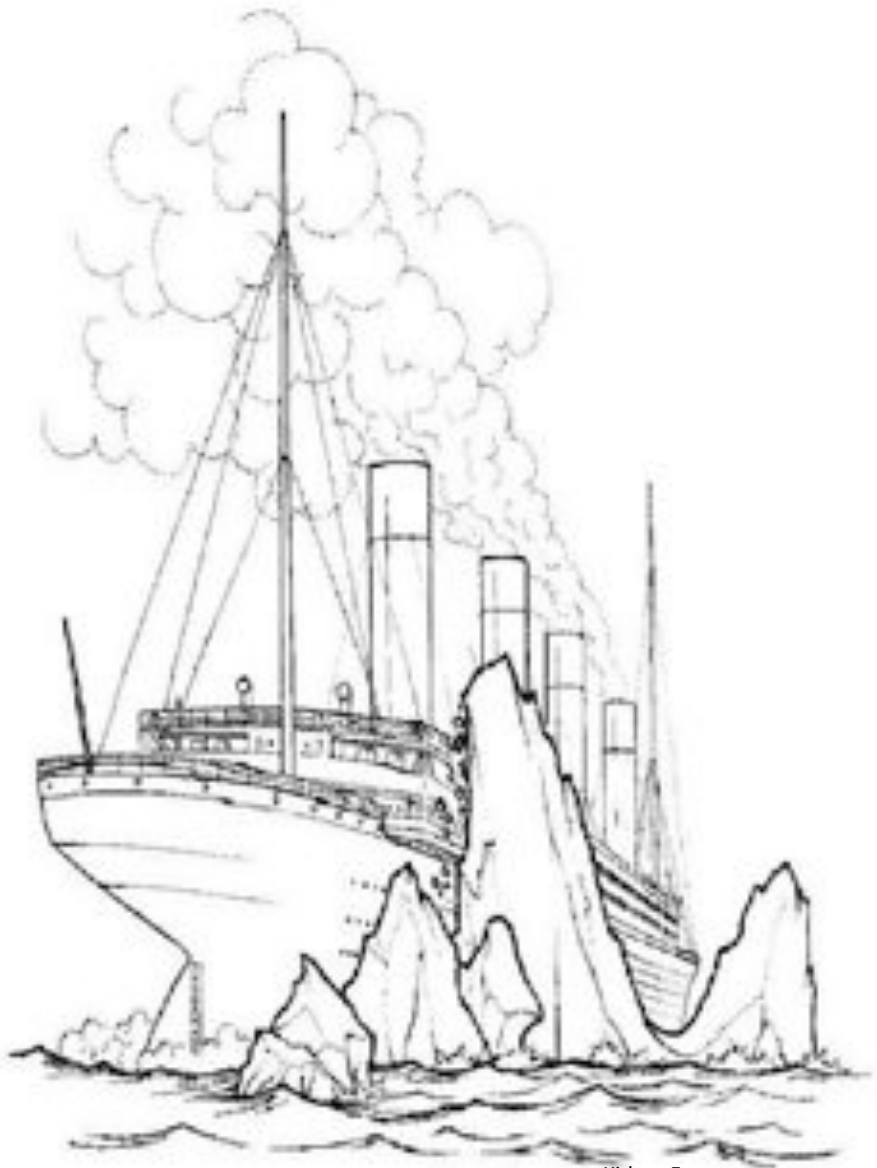
God of mercy and compassion!
Look with pity on my pain:
Hear a mournful, broken spirit
Prostrate at Thy feet complain;
Many are my foes, and mighty;
Strength to conquer I have none;
Nothing can uphold my goings
But Thy blessed Self alone.

Savior, look on Thy beloved;
Triumph over all my foes;
Turn to heavenly joy my mourning,
Turn to gladness all my woes;
Live or die, or work or suffer,
Let my weary soul abide,
In all changes whatsoever
Sure and steadfast by Thy side.

When temptations fierce assault me,
When my enemies I find,
Sin and guilt, and death and Satan,
All against my soul combined,
Hold me up in mighty waters,
Keep my eyes on things above,
Righteousness, divine Atonement,
Peace, and everlasting Love.

This poem "Autumn," is written in 8.7.8.7 D. The 8.7.8.7. indicates that there are 8 syllables in the first line, 7 in the second, 8 in the third, and so forth. Feel free to clap out the syllables yourself. The "D" means "double": you will do 8.7.8.7. twice. In the back of most hymnals, you will find a "Meters Index." Look for any 8.7.8.7.D tune and this poem will fit that music. For starters, try singing "Autumn" to a tune that Franz Joseph Haydn wrote in 1797: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken."

Now try writing your own poem. You might want to find a tune that you really like and figure out the meter of that tune. Then write a poem to that meter. Now you can sing your poem!



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God's Enduring Mercy

Although the Titanic is often considered to be one of the most unfortunate disasters in human history, God, in His mercy, has used it for good.

After such a dramatic loss of life, people were willing to reconsider their assumptions and there were many changes in shipbuilding as a result.

Clearly the myth of the “unsinkable ship” had been shattered. Lifeboats were now required for all passengers and crewmembers. There were better and more frequent boat drills. Ships were required to have wireless operators on duty 24-hours a day. There were advances in technology allowing for improved watertight integrity. With regard to transatlantic crossings, captains took ice messages seriously. An International Ice Patrol was established and the Coast Guard moves icebergs when necessary. In addition, the winter steamer lane was moved south.

There are many lessons we can learn from the Titanic. Chiefly, Jesus reminds us in Luke 4:12 “It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” These men tempted God just as in Babel, where they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth” (Genesis 11:4). When we, in our pride, tempt God we should expect his rightful judgment.

Thankfully, God used His judgment of the *Titanic* for our good by making sea travel safer for us today. Even in the midst of profound judgment, there can be blessing when God’s people honor His law.

Verses for memorization:

For He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name. And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. Luke 1:49-52

Word Search

Write a quick definition/explanation of the following words that appeared in the reading. Then find them in the word search.

Bulkheads: _____

Murdock: _____

Smith _____

Knots: _____

Iceberg: _____

Lifeboats: _____

Babel: _____

Passengers: _____

Telegraph: _____

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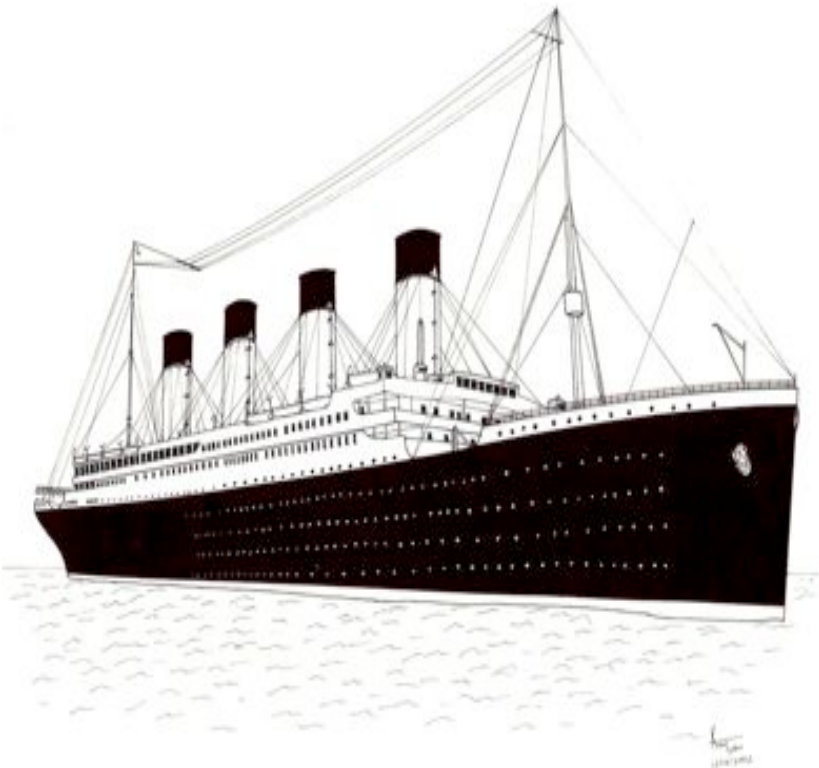
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Titanic: Answers

Timeline Dates & Events: Matching Answers

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- 3. False The men in the telegraph office ignored at least 6 warnings of icebergs in the area.
- 4. True
- 5. False Very difficult to see.
- 6. False 1912
- 7. True
- 8. True

Geography Answers

1.B, 2.C, 3.E, 4.A, 5.F,



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