

The Sinking of the Titanic

History

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Key Facts

- The Titanic was as long as 3 football pitches and as tall as a 17 storey building. It was the largest and most luxurious ship at the time.
- The ship was thought to be 'unsinkable'.
- It was Captain Smith's last voyage before his retirement.
- The captain ignored warnings of ice in the water.
- 705 passengers were rescued from lifeboats or the water.
- There were 2223 people on-board but there were only enough lifeboats for 1200 people. The first lifeboats were only half-filled.
- It took 3000 men to build it.. It was built by White Star Line.
- As the Titanic sank, the ship split in two.
- The remains of the Titanic lie on the seabed of the Atlantic Ocean.
- The temperature of the water was -2°C . Passengers would have died after spending 15 minutes in the water.
- The first ship to respond to the Titanic's distress calls was the RMS Carpathia but it didn't arrive until 3:30am—over an hour after the Titanic sank.

Chronology

29th July 1908	Design for the Titanic approved
31st March 1909	Building of the Titanic begins in Belfast, Ireland
31st May 1911	The building of the Titanic is completed
3rd April 1912	The Titanic arrives in Southampton
10th April 1912	The Titanic set sail from Southampton at midday on its maiden voyage
12-13th April 1912	The Titanic sailed through calm waters
14th April 1912	Lookouts spot an iceberg and the Titanic hits it on its right side at 11:40pm
15th April 1912	At 12:25am, women and children start being loaded into the lifeboats
15th April 1912	At 2:20am, the Titanic sinks to the bottom of the ocean
15th April 1912	A passing ship picks up survivors and heads to New York
18th April 1912	Survivors reach New York
1985	The wreckage of the Titanic was discovered in the Atlantic Ocean

Vocabulary

RMS	Royal Mail Ship
maiden voyage	The first journey a ship makes
passenger	A person who travels on public or private transport
survivor	A person who is still alive after the event where other people have died
captain	The person in charge of the ship
iceberg	A huge piece of ice floating in the sea
wreckage	Leftover parts of something that has been badly damaged or destroyed

Useful links and sources

- <https://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/engineering/titanic.html>
- <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/history/general-history/would-you-have-survived-the-titanic/>
- <https://www.coolkidfacts.com/titanic-facts-for-kids/>
- https://www.ducksters.com/history/us_1900s/titanic.php