

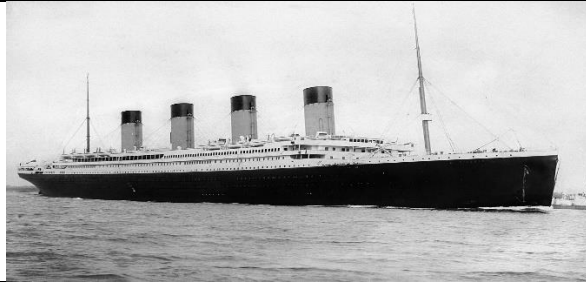
Year 2 Titanic



Titanic was built by a company called White Star Line. She was completed and ready for the ocean on 31 March 1912, after three years in construction in Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Just before midnight on day five, in the freezing cold North Atlantic Ocean, an iceberg loomed out of the darkness. Too big to quickly change direction, Titanic scraped along the side of the ice.



On 10 April 1912, Titanic set out on her maiden voyage (first big journey), taking people from Southampton, England, to New York, USA. On route, she called by Cherbourg in France and Queenstown in Ireland to pick up more passengers.



Titanic would sink in just a few hours. Distress signals were sent out to nearby ships and passengers were ordered to get to the lifeboats. Titanic only carried twenty lifeboats — only enough to hold around half of the people on board!

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There were over 2,200 people on board Titanic, 900 passengers included holiday makers, businessmen and people hoping to start a new life in America.



RMS Carpathia rescued those who had made it into the lifeboats. There were around 705 survivors in total, and all were transported safely to New York, USA. But tragically, more than 1,500 people lost their lives.

Key Vocabulary

Titanic	White star line	Passengers	Captain Edward Smith
Carpathia	New York	Lifebelt	Disaster
1912	Atlantic	Lifeboat	Wreckage
Iceberg			

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