

## A TITAN OF TIME: THE TITANIC THROUGHOUT HISTORY

100 years after its demise RMS Titanic still plays a dominant role in history. From a multimillion dollar movie to a cerulean ceremony, the legacy of the *Titanic* has withstood time.



- 1911** MAY 31 The RMS *Titanic* is created.
- 1985** SEPTEMBER 1 The wreck of the *Titanic* discovered.
- 1912** APRIL 15 On its maiden voyage the *Titanic* is struck by an iceberg.
- 1997** DECEMBER 19 The film "*Titanic*" is released and would later claim 11 Academy Awards.
- 2001** JULY 26 A couple is married inside a submarine at the gravesite of the *Titanic*.
- 2010** AUGUST 24 The small budget mockbuster "*Titanic 2*" is released.
- 2012** APRIL 6 For the 100th Anniversary of the wreck "*Titanic*" is rereleased in IMAX 3D.

Sources: www.boxoffice Mojo.com, encyclopedia-titanica.org, Design by Dylan Derryberry



**Edward Smith:**  
Captain of RMS  
Titanic

# TITANIC: Disaster at Sea

History Knowledge Organiser      Year 5      Terms 1 & 2

## Key Knowledge

### What I should already know

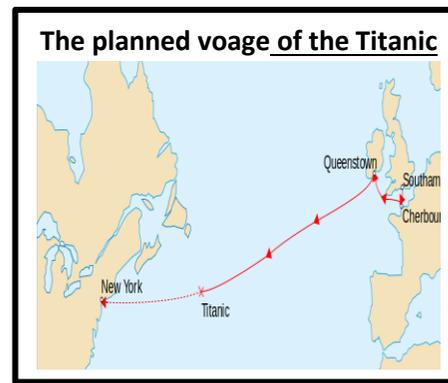
The *Titanic* is one of the most famous ships ever built and was known for being one of the largest and most opulent ships ever created, for its time. It was remembered for being the ship which killed thousands of people, a tragedy which effected many.

### What will I know by the end of the unit?

- The **RMS Titanic** was a British passenger liner operated by a company called White Star Line. It sank in the North Atlantic Ocean on 15 April 1912 after hitting an iceberg.
- At the time, it was one of the largest and most extravagant ships in the world making it a desirable passenger liner. The facilities on *Titanic* far surpassed those of rival ships of that time.
- There were different classes aboard the *Titanic*. First class facilities were the finest luxuries. Second class Passengers had facilities such as a spacious outdoor promenade, a smoking room, a library and dining room. Third class was much more basic with very few facilities.
- The reasons so many lives were lost as a result of the *Titanic* hitting the iceberg are still debated today. Some reasons include suggestions that the Captain was sailing the *Titanic* as too high speeds, there was a lack of lifeboats, structural issues with the ship and a lack of organisation of the crew.
- As a result of this disaster, many laws changes including the number of lifeboats ships must have.

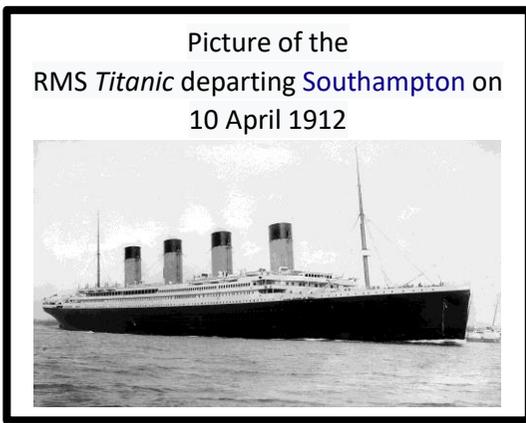
## Key people

- Thomas Andrews:** British architect and businessman. He designed the RMS *Titanic*- and died in the disaster.
- Edward Smith:** Captain of RMS- died in the disaster
- J Bruce Ismay:** English businessman. Owned White Star Line.
- Millyina Dean:** Final survivor of *Titanic*- two months old at the time. Died in 2009 at the age of 97.



## Useful web links:

- <https://www.history.com/topics/early-20th-century-us/titanic>
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Titanic>



## Key vocabulary

- Maiden Voyage-** the first voyage of a ship
- Passenger liner-** a ship that is primarily for transporting passengers
- Maritime-** a word meaning connected to the sea.
- Immigrants-** people who leave their country in order to settle permanently in another country
- Transatlantic-** crossing the Atlantic
- Titanic** –a word derived from the Greek mythology, meaning 'gigantic'.
- Unsinkable** – cannot be sunk
- Ice berg-** large ice from a glacier

## Key Questions

- Why did the *Titanic* sink?
- Why was the *Titanic* so significant?
- What was life like on board the *Titanic*?
- Why were so many lives lost on the 'unsinkable' *Titanic*? How could this have been prevented?