





# TITANIC

THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION



## **INTRODUCTION**

*Titanic* was conceived in 1907 and met with disaster in 1912. The story has been told and retold, but never more poignantly and passionately than by the artifacts

"Titanic was just a ship before I went to this exhibit."

in this Exhibition. Painstakingly recovered from the debris field surrounding the wreck site and artfully conserved, these three-dimensional objects—more than words and images—represent the vessel and the 2,228 souls who journeyed with her into history.

Upon arriving at the Exhibition, you will "board" *Titanic* using a replica ticket from White Star Line. Each boarding pass includes the name of an actual passenger on the Ship. You will track the experience of the passenger on your boarding pass as you move through the Exhibition.

The Galleries in the Exhibition feature real artifacts, room re-creations, and personal histories. Each one highlights a different chapter in the compelling story of *Titanic*'s maiden voyage.

The activities in this packet are designed to enrich your experience before, during and after your visit to the Exhibition.

Titanic Discussion Questions

Titanic Internet Scavenger Hunt

Titanic Book Club

Titanic Puzzles

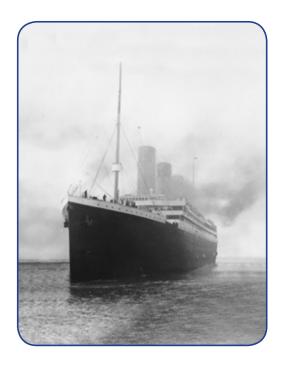
Welcome Aboard!







## **TITANIC DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**



- 1. Although *Titanic* sank in 1912, the liner is a great source of legend and historical curiosity. Why do you think *Titanic* continues to **capture our attention and imagination**?
- 2. Is exploring the ocean depths similar to exploring outer space? What are the conditions for human survival underwater and in space? Do you think it is **more technologically challenging** to explore outer space or the "inner space" of the ocean? Why?
- 3. Sometimes it takes a major disaster like the sinking of *Titanic* to change outdated laws and regulations. Research *Titanic*'s **legacy to safety**. What standards, provisions, regulations and safety measures were instituted? Have any of these regulations been updated in recent years? What prompted those changes?

- 4. Comparisons have been made between the Challenger space shuttle explosion and the sinking of *Titanic* as well as between *Titanic* and the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. **Investigate these incidents**. What do they have in common? Could any of these disasters have been avoided or prevented?
- 5. In 1912, feminists in the United States and Great Britain were seeking emancipation for women and the right to vote. The *Titanic* disaster, where the life saving policy was "women and children first", highlighted a problem not previously considered: true equality means equal risk of life with men in times of adversity. Is this issue still relevant? Would the "women and children first" rule be used today on a sinking vessel?



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Suffragettes riding on their float at the New York Fair in Yonkers, 1913. *Library of Congress, Bain Collection* 



#### TITANIC INTERNET SCAVENGER HUNT

Even though *Titanic* sank almost 100 years ago and the wreckage was discovered in 1985, interest in *Titanic* seems to grow every year. Nowhere is this phenomenon more evident than on the Internet where thousands of sites cater to *Titanic* enthusiasts.

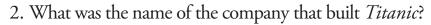
Use the Internet to answer the following questions. Some suggested websites include:

www.rmstitanic.net www.titanic-titanic.com www.encyclopedia-titanica.org www.titanichistoricalsociety.org www.titanic-whitestarships.com/

## Who's Who of *Titanic* History

1. The president of the White Star Line was on the maiden voyage of *Titanic*.

What was his name and what happened to him when the Ship sank?



- 3. Who was the captain of *Titanic*? What happened to him at the time of the sinking?
- 4. Who was Margaret Brown and why did she become famous?





President of White Star Line



- 1. J. Bruce Ismay escaped by lifeboat.
- 2. Harland & Wolff

Titanic's Captain

- 3. Edward J. Smith went down with the Ship.
- 4. She was a firstclass passenger who helped load people into lifeboats during the sinking of Titanic. She also helped keep her fellow passengers calm and upbeat. Later she established a fund to aid impoverished survivors. She was the subject of a play and a movie called "The Unsinkable Molly Brown".
- 5. Dr. Robert Ballard led the team that discovered the Titanic wreck site on September 1, 1985.



Margaret "Molly" Brown



## FACTS ABOUT TITANIC

- 1. Why did the Ship hit the iceberg sideways instead of head-on?
- 2. Why didn't the lookout officers see the iceberg until it was very close to the Ship?
- 3. How long did it take for *Titanic* to sink from the time it hit the iceberg until the time it disappeared from view?
- 4. What was the name of the Ship that picked up the survivors in the lifeboats?
- 5. How deep is the ocean at the site of *Titanic*'s wreckage?



This Ship found the survivors in the lifeboats.



- 1. When the lookouts saw the iceberg straight ahead, they ordered the officers on the bridge to steer the Ship out of the way. However, the Ship was too close to the iceberg which then scraped the hull allowing water into the lower decks.
- 2. There was no moon that night plus there were no binoculars in the crow's nest. The binoculars were aboard the Ship on its first leg—Belfast to

Southampton—but they were never seen after that. No one knows what happened to them.

- 3. About 2 hours.
- 4. The Carpathia.
- 5. 12,460 feet or 2.5 miles deep.



### TITANIC BOOK CLUB

Return to *Titanic*: A New Look at the World's Most Famous Ship

by Dr. Robert D. Ballard

Titanic: Triumph and Tragedy by John P. Eaton and Charles A. Haas

Titanic: An Illustrated History by Don Lynch and Ken Marschall

What Really Sank the *Titanic*: New Forensic Discoveries

by Jennifer Hooper McCarty

Titanic Survivor by Violet Jessup

Molly Brown: Unraveling the Myth by Kristen Iversen

A Night to Remember by Walter Lord

Sinking of the *Titanic* and Great Sea Disasters by Logan Marshall

Father Browne's *Titanic* Album. A Passenger's Photographs and Personal Memoir by E.E. O'Donnell

## Titanic Trivia

#### Test your knowledge of the fateful journey of the world's most famous Ship.

How many passengers and crew were on board *Titanic* on her maiden voyage?

- a. 1,500
- b. 2,228
- c. 1,324

Who was the Managing Director of Design at Harland & Wolff?

- a. J. Bruce Ismay
- b. Lord Pirrie
- c. Mr. Thomas Andrews

Where did *Titanic* stop to collect mail and additional passengers before setting sail across the North Atlantic for New York?

- a. Cherbourg & Queenstown
- b. Belfast & Southhampton
- c. Southampton & Halifax

What rescue ship did the survivors of *Titanic* board after they fled in the lifeboats?

- a. Majestic
- b. Carpathia
- c. Olympic

The *Titanic* crew tested the Ship's whistles each day at this time.

- a. noon
- b. midnight
- c. dawn

What is the name of the submersible that has played a major role in the recovery expeditions to the wreck site?

- a. IFREMER
- b. Nadir
- c. Nautile

How many people fit into the submersible?

- a. 2
- b. 3
- c. 4

How many tons of coal were carried by *Titanic* when she left England on April 10, 1912?

- a. 7,500
- b. 4,300
- c. 6,000

What was Adolphe Saalfield's business?

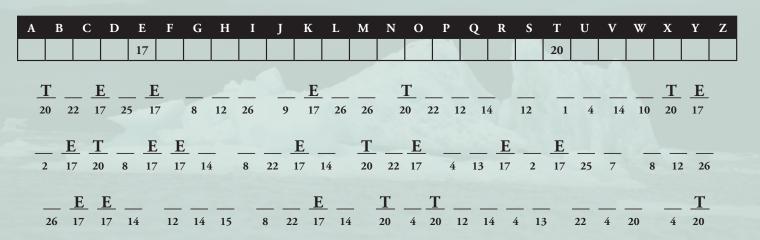
- a. importing ostrich feathers
- b. selling perfume
- c. shipbuilding

How long did it take *Titanic* to sink?

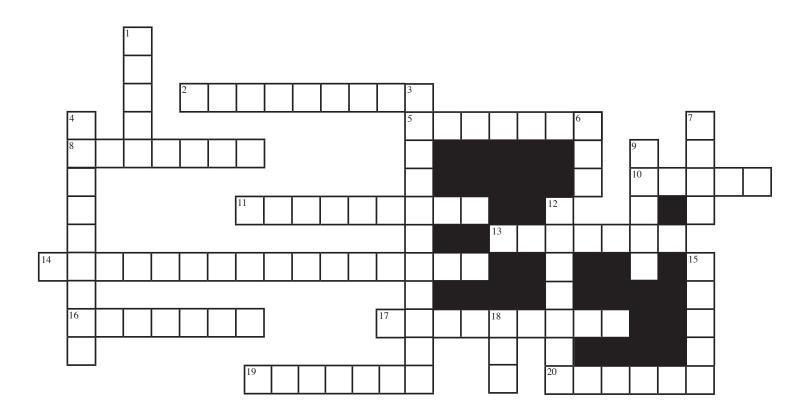
- a. 4 hours & 20 minutes
- b. 1 hour & 30 minutes
- c. 2 hours & 40 minutes

Titanic Trivia and Cryptogram answers on page 8

# Cryptogram







#### **ACROSS**

- 2 Reddish brown growths of rust caused by iron-eating bacteria on the Ship's wreck
- 5 One of *Titanic*'s sister ships
- 8 City in Canada where many victims are buried
- 10 Number of working funnels
- Name of the ship that rescued survivors
- 13 The cause of the Ship's sinking
- 14 R.M.S.
- 16 Kind of car in the Ship's cargo
- 17 Right-hand side of a ship
- 19 Edward J. Smith
- Number of lifeboats on the Ship

#### **DOWN**

- Month of the Ship's launch
- Passengers boarded the Ship in this British port
- 4 City in France where the Ship made a stop
- 6 Distress signal before SOS
- 7 Left-hand side of a ship
- 9 Rear-end of a ship
- 12 City where *Titanic* was built
- 15 Managing director of the White Star Line
- 18 Front-end of a ship

Crossword answers on page 8

# Word Search

ARTIFACT
ATLANTIC
COAL
ICEBERG
LIFEBOAT
RESCUE
SHIP
SMITH
SOUTHAMPTON
TITANIC
UNSINKABLE

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# Answer Key

Crossword:
Across: (2. Rusticles, 5. Olympic, 8. Halifax, 10. Three, 11. Carpathia, 13. Iceberg, 14. Royal Mail Steamer, 16. Renault, 17. Starboard, 19. Captain, 20. Twenty)
Down: (1. April, 3. Southampton, 4. Cherbourg
6. Cdq, 7. Port, 9. Stern, 12. Belfast, 15. Ismay, 18. Bow)

Cryptogram: There was less than a minute between when the iceberg was seen and when Titanic hit it.