

14th April:

11.40pm – Titanic hits iceberg

15th April:

12.30am – Lifeboats are lowered

2.10am – Ship's lights go out

2.17am – Titanic breaks in two

2.19am – Bow begins to sink

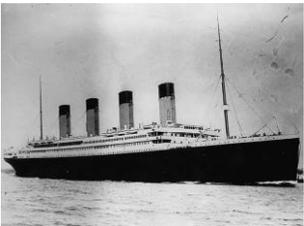
2.24am – Titanic reaches the bottom of the ocean



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Key facts

- Left Southampton 10th April 1912.
- Biggest and most luxurious boat of the time.
- 269 metres long and 53 metres tall!
- 10 decks and 3 engines. Only 3 funnels worked – the fourth was for decoration.
- It carried 3500 postal bags.
- 1506 people died on board the Titanic.



TITANIC

Why did so many die on board the Titanic?

- Titanic could carry 64 lifeboats but only carried 20. **There were only enough lifeboats for ½ the passengers** and they were **not filled to capacity**. The extra lifeboats were taken away as they made the first-class deck too 'cluttered'.
- Titanic had a great deal of luxurious accommodation, more than another other ship, this **added to the weight and made her sink faster**.
- There were **16 water-tight compartments** in the bulkhead which were designed to close and prevent any sinking. The compartment doors weren't tall enough, water overflowed and flooded the ship even faster!
- **The ice-flows made the water very cold**. The fact that the weather was good, leaving a clear sky, meant that water temperatures dropped below freezing. Anyone in the water longer than 30 minutes was very likely to freeze to death.



Who was to blame?

Captain Smith (The Captain)

- Ignored 6 iceberg warnings and did not slow down the ship.
- Cancelled a lifeboat drill.
- Lost the keys to the binoculars.
- Did not help with lifeboats and allowed lifeboats to leave partially filled.
- Died on the ship.

Bruce Ismay (The Owner)

- Did not put enough lifeboats on board so they didn't clutter the first class decks.
- Made the watertight compartments shorter to make space for luxurious rooms.
- Persuaded the Captain to go faster to break records.
- Survived the Titanic by getting on a lifeboat.

Thomas Andrews (The Designer)

- Wanted 46 lifeboats (enough for all passengers).
- Wanted watertight compartments up to B deck (stopped by Ismay).
- He helped passengers get onto lifeboats and tried to fill them as much as possible, and handed out lifejackets.
- Died on the ship.