

THE MORNING SUNRISE

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How did it happen?

Titanic was sailing from Liverpool to New York, but soon after the ship crashed into a huge iceberg in the middle of the Atlantic ocean. Staff saved as many as they could but unfortunately they didn't have enough time and many didn't survive. Women and children boarded the rescue boats first. They were only four days into the voyage when it sunk. It was travelling at 22.5 knots. The captain received six iceberg warnings before they collided. It took 160 minutes to sink. People couldn't survive more than 20 minutes because the water was -2 degrees.

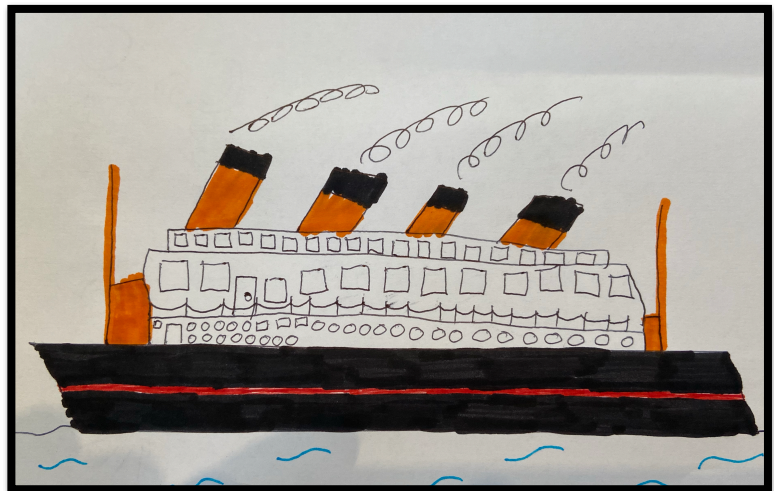
Why did it happen?

The captain ignored six iceberg warnings and didn't use binoculars. His name was Captain E.J. Smith. By the time they reached the iceberg they were going too fast to stop. They tried to turn the ship but it was too late and a huge hole was torn in the hull. If they had hit the iceberg head on, there might not have been such a tragedy. There were not enough life boats to save everyone and many were not filled to the maximum. There was also reports of an ongoing fire in the engine room which was still burning long before the Titanic set sail. Could this have weakened the ship?

Who survived?

Most of the survivors are from first and second class, with the Captain ordering women and children first. A huge majority of third class and steerage have sadly died. The Captain of the ship went down with his liner. The survivors were taken on board the Carpathia which arrived four hours after the Titanic sent a distress call. They were then taken to New York. This was just too late for many who couldn't survive in the icy waters.

TITANIC DISASTER STRUCK OVER 1500 DEAD



A terrible tragedy unfolded last night with the sinking of the Titanic during its maiden voyage to New York. There is expected to be 1500 dead or else lost at sea. Survivors were rescued by the Carpathia after Titanic put out a distress call when they crashed into the huge iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean. It has been reported that Captain E.J. Smith ignored repeated warnings of icebergs in an effort to press ahead at speed on the voyage. A huge hole was torn in the hull and it took almost 3 hours before the doomed liner sunk to the bottom of the ocean.

White Star Line was unavailable for comment today but sources say there were issues with the rivets of Titanic that may have caused it to sink. Eye witnesses and survivors describe a scene of terror as passengers scrambled to abandon the stricken vessel. One source who did not want to be named said that many third class passengers were prevented from boarding life boats and it is expected that many of the casualties are from the third class. The source went on to state that life boats were less than half full when they left the Titanic.

With such a terrible loss of life, it is expected that a large investigation will find out what went wrong and lessons should be learnt. Warnings that were not listened to will be examined in due course. The structure of the Titanic will also be questioned as White Star Line had declared it 'unsinkable' prior to setting off from Liverpool. The Prime Minister of the UK has sent his condolences to all families of those affected and has assured them it will not happen again and they will find answers as soon as possible. Bruce Ismay and Thomas Andrews will surely face big questions.