

THE TITANIC

The Titanic was a Star Line steamship carrying the British flag. She was built by Harland and Wolff of Belfast, Ireland. She was designed to be a marvel of modern safety technology. The press began to call her “unsinkable”.



TITANIC DESIGN

Her accommodations were the most modern and luxurious on any ocean. Included electric light and heat in every room, a swimming-pool, a squash court. Besides, the Titanic was equipped with wireless telegraph system.

The original design called for 32 lifeboats. However, White Star management reduced the number to 20.



THE BEGINNING OF THE END

April 1912

On April 1912, the Titanic commenced her voyage from England to New York with 2227 passengers and crew aboard. This voyage lures the “very best people”. It also attracted many poor immigrants, hoping to start a new life in America or Canada.



THE SINKING

On the fifth day at sea, Titanic received five different ice-warnings, but the captain was not overly concerned. At 11:40, a lookout spotted an iceberg dead ahead. The ship struck the iceberg. At 2:20 a.m. she sank. Lost at sea were 1522 people, including passengers and crew. The 706 survivors, afloat in the ship's twenty lifeboats, were rescued.

