The Titanic

The Titanic was the greatest ship of its time. No ship had ever been built that could equal the Titanic in size or beauty. It was a wonderful ship. It was so big that many people thought that you could not sink the ship even if you wanted to. Some people even said not even God

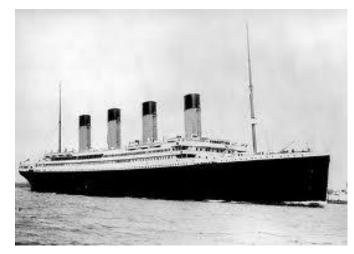


could sink this ship. It turned out those people were wrong, very wrong.

When it was launched in 1912 it was the biggest moving object ever built. She was 885 feet long and could carry 3,295 people on board. The Titanic had ten decks - seven for the passengers and three for the crew and cargo only. The passengers were divided into three classes. First class provided luxury accommodation in very comfortable cabins. The first-class passengers also had access to a dining-room, a restaurant, a lounge, a reading and writing room, a smoking room and cafes. The ship also included a swimming-pool, a Turkish bath, squash courts and a gym. In fact it was a kind of floating palace!

The Titanic's first voyage began on April 10th 1912 when she set off from Southampton in England on her journey to New York. But it wasn't long before disaster struck. The Titanic

hit an iceberg on April 14th at 11.40p.m. The huge hull was damaged(black piece in the picture) and the ship began to take in water. The Titanic had twenty wooden lifeboats but these were not enough. Out of 2200 people on board only 705 survived. The people were rescued from the lifeboats by another ship, the Carpathia, which picked up the Titanic's S.O.S. message. The Titanic finally sank in the early hours of April 15th, 1912.



The wreck of the ship still lies at the bottom of the ocean. Many objects have been rescued from the wreck but the ship itself still lies at the bottom of the sea. Perhaps one day scientists will recover it. Who knows if the Titanic will return...



Captain Edward John Smith

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Lifeboats	Passengers
Wreck	Crew
Voyage	Cargo
Damaged	Hull