



# History Knowledge Organiser

## Year 2 Summer 1 – Why did the Titanic sink?

### Key facts

- Titanic was built in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It took three years to build.
- Titanic's first journey was from Southampton to New York.
- It carried 2223 passengers.
- Titanic did not reach its destination as it hit an iceberg.
- The Titanic sank in the North Atlantic Ocean on April 15th 1912.
- There were not enough lifeboats on board to hold all the passengers.



The Titanic ocean liner



An iceberg

The Titanic was as long as three football pitches and as high as a building with 17 storeys. It cost hundreds of millions of pounds to build.

**People said the Titanic was so amazing it would never sink. They said it was unsinkable.**

An iceberg is a really big piece of floating ice in the sea. Ice bergs can be bigger than houses. Most of an ice berg can't be seen as it is under the water. On the Titanic's first journey, the weather was really cold and there were lots of ice bergs in the sea. On the 4<sup>th</sup> day, the Titanic hit an iceberg. It made a big hole and the Titanic started to fill with water.



### First Class- The Aristocracy

Passengers had lots of money. There were 329 first class passengers on board. They had a swimming pool, a gym, a squash court, a sauna and a barber shop. Sometimes they had meals with ten courses!



**Captain Smith was the captain of the Titanic. He died when the ship sank.**

### Second Class

Their rooms were very comfortable with their own portholes. Each room could sleep 2-4 people in beds/bunks and had sofas, wardrobes and desks. They had their own library and own walking areas called promenades.



### Third Class- The Working Class

Passengers didn't have much money. Their cabins were near the ship's engines so it was very noisy. They shared 2 baths between 700 people! They weren't allowed to go in the first or second class areas.