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TITANIC DISASTER

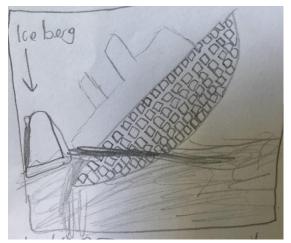


Image of the Titanic Sinking

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The Titanic has sunk from hitting an iceberg. There have been many lives lost in this horrible disaster. The ship was said to be unsinkable, unfortunately it was not true. The ship members had six warnings of icebergs, but they were all ignored.

In 1907 two men called J. Bruce Ismay and Lord

William James Pirrie came up with the idea to build the Titanic. It was made in Belfast. It took 3000 people to build and it cost £7.5m. It had 840 rooms and used 800 tons of coal a day. It was meant to have 64 lifeboats but it only had 20. It went at a maximum speed of 27mph.

Frederic Fleet spotted the iceberg, Captain Smith tried to turn the ship, but it was too late and the ship scraped the iceberg. All the people were relieved until the captain sent a message around the ship. The first lifeboat was set at 12:25am. 705 people survived. The Captain stayed on the ship and accepted his fate. Most people died of hyperthermia in the freezing water.

This is the biggest shipping disaster in history. Who knows, one day they may write a play about it.