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History Department

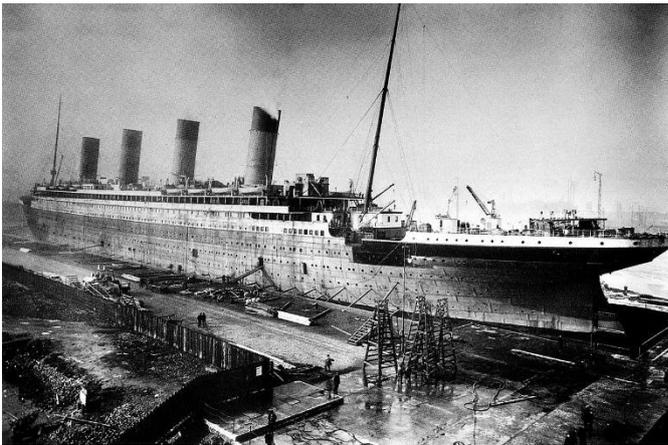
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The Titanic

The White Star Shipping line was a shipbuilding company that wanted to make money by sailing people across the Atlantic. The Curnard Line also did this with their ships and they were the fastest across the Atlantic, taking just 5 days. The White Star Shipping Line could not compete on Speed, so they made three luxurious passenger ships called 'Olympic', 'Titanic', and 'Britannic'. Architect [designer] Thomas Andrews designed 'Titanic' and it was built in the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast, Ireland.



Titanic being built in 1911.

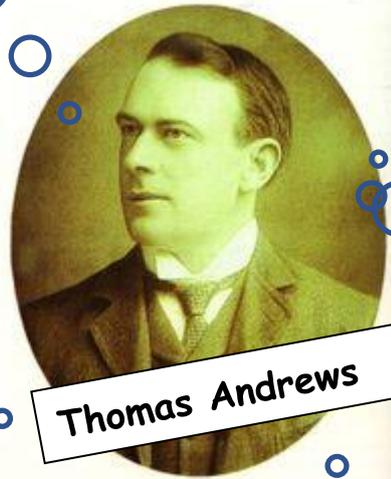
Titanic was the biggest and most famous of the 'Olympic-class ocean liners'. It was enormous. It was so big that construction actually began on the ship in March 1909 and did not make her maiden [first] voyage until April 1912 (3 years later). She was 269 metres (2.5 football pitches) long and 28.1 metres wide. Her (yes the boat was referred to as a 'she') total height from keel to bridge was 32 metres and weighed 46, 328 tons (1 army tank weighs 68 tons). The Architect was proud that Titanic had a number of special features;

The ship has a Parisian café so that first class passengers can feel at home

A ship with exercise machines

The ship has a sauna, a steam room, a swimming pool and Turkish baths.

The ship has a wireless room [radio messaging] so passengers can send and receive messages.



Thomas Andrews

The ship had 20 lifeboats, enough to carry 1178 passengers. The total number of crew and passengers on the voyage was 2229.

The ship has 16 watertight rooms that are closed instantly by a switch.

The ship has a post office and a library. There was also a promenade [walking] deck to enjoy the views.

Task One - Complete the table below

Ship Name	
Owner (Company)	
Architect	
Constructed by	
Construction start date	
Maiden Voyage	
Statistics- How long was it? How wide was it? How much did it weigh?	
Any Special Features e.g. Cafes, Restaurants?	

Going to America

The maiden voyage of the 'Titanic' would take the ship and her passengers across the Atlantic. Many Europeans wanted to live in America (known as the land of opportunity).



People travelled to America for many reasons. For example some people left for the chance to become rich. The reasons why people WENT to America are called PULL factors. America PULLED people to want to live there.

People also left Europe because they did not like their own country, due to poverty or famine or even war. These reasons are called PUSH factors. Their home country is PUSHING them away.

Task Two - Read and answer the following question.

The source below is written from a Russian worker who travelled to America in 1912. Shade the PUSH factors in one colour and PULL factors in another.

"I have 6 children and very little land. Here in Russia I must work plenty and I don't get paid very much. I earn just enough to live on so I would like to go to America. Perhaps I will earn more money there..."

Task Three

Design an advertisement to attract a rich passenger to travel on 'titanic'.

In your advertisement, you should use persuasive language. Below is a reminder of what persuasive language is:

Adjectives- Describing words

"White Line Star's most Spectacular ship"

Rhetorical Questions- A question asked that does not need an answer.

"Have you ever seen a finer ship?"

Imagery- Use language to create a mental picture.

"Feel the wind through your hair as you sail into the golden horizon."

Metaphors- A figure of speech which compares two unlike things.

"The Titanic's heart beats fast as she moves through the ocean".



Exaggeration- Make something bigger or better or worse than it actually is.

"The Titanic is the most beautiful ship."

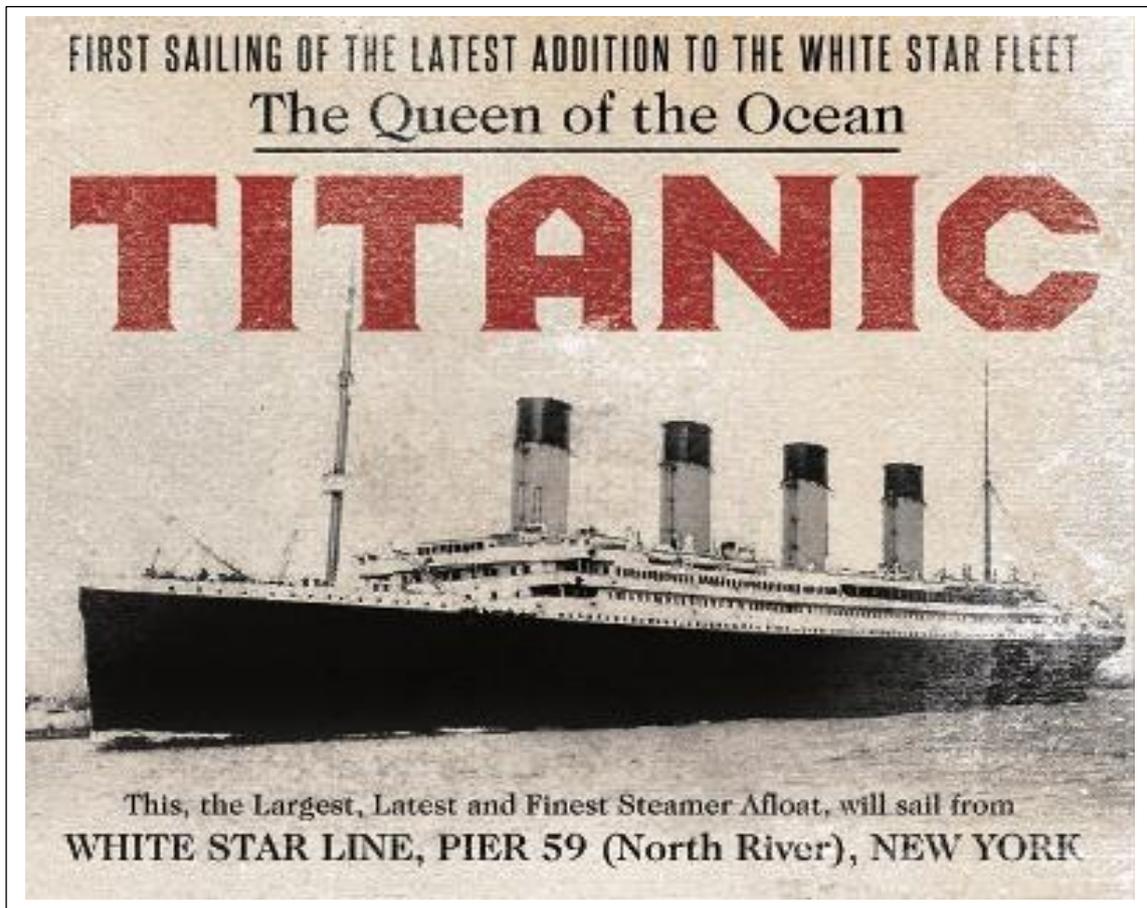
'Magic Three' – Three words (usually adjectives) creates a memorable impact in the reader.

"The Titanic is the most luxurious, majestic and fast..."

Personal Pronouns- Use "WE, YOU or US" to make the reader feel a part of the text.

"You can't miss out on the opportunity to travel on the world's largest liner".

Here is an example:



Now have a go at creating your own!

We look forward to meeting you all soon.