



HISTORY'S GREATEST DISASTERS

The Sinking of the *Titanic*

Take a Stand

From the information you read in this book, do you think this disaster could have been avoided? Could Captain Smith and his crew have done anything differently, or was this disaster unavoidable? Write a short essay explaining your opinion. Make sure to give reasons for your opinion and facts and details to support your answer.



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Tell the Tale

Chapter Four discusses the actions of lookout Frederick Fleet. Write 200 words that tell the story of Frederick Fleet's experiences as lookout on the *Titanic*'s last night. Describe the sights and sounds of the Atlantic Ocean and the ship. What might Frederick Fleet be worried about? Be sure to set the scene, develop a sequence of events, identify other key people, and write a conclusion.



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Dig Deeper

After reading this book, what questions do you still have about the *Titanic*? Do you want to learn more about what happened to the survivors or the ship? Write a few questions that can guide your research. With the help of an adult, find a few reliable sources that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you found your information and what you learned from it.



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Another View

This book has information about how the *Titanic's* owners claimed the ship was practically unsinkable. As you know, every source is different. Ask a librarian or an adult to help you find another source about the *Titanic's* construction. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the source's point of view with that of this book's author. What is the point of view of each author? How are they similar or different and why?