

The Facts

Teacher fact sheet on why so many people died on the Titanic.
(Please add more facts if known)

- The boat was reportedly going too fast.
- Captain didn't listen to 6 previous radio warnings.
- Lack of look out equipment (binoculars – apparently 1 set locked in someone's locker)
- Not enough lifeboats.
- The water was freezing.
- No drill practise so people didn't know what they were doing (panic).
- Staff unclear of what to do in an emergency. Staff were allocated a lifeboat to be in charge of but some had not taken the time to identify where theirs were.
- Boat not tracked so exact whereabouts was unclear.
- Poor radio communications. Other boats turned off their radios.
- Safety flares were white so California ignored distress call (20KM away)
- Carpathia was too far away (100KM away) and only acted due to their original message being replied to (There are a back log of messages for you).