

# Why was the RMS Titanic so famous?

#### **Captain Edward Smith**

Key Vocabulary	<u>Definition</u>
Vessel	A ship or a large boat
Voyage	A long journey involving travelling by sea.
Tragedy	An event causing great suffering, destruction and distress such as a serious accident, crime or natural catastrophe
Funnels	A metal chimney on a ship or a steam engine
Mayday	An international radio distress signal used by ships or aircraft
Atlantic	An Ocean separating the Americas and Europe/Africa
Destination	The place to which someone or something is going or being sent

## **Key Dates/Information**

The Titanic was built between 1908 and 1911.

It left Southampton on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1912 and headed towards New York.

It was a luxury passenger liner that carried some of the world's richest people as well as others looking for a new life in North America

Passengers were split into three classes for the journey, either First, Second or Third. Those in first class paid much more than those in Third

The Titanic collided with an iceberg and sank on April 15, 1912.

Over 1500 people died because of the sinking

While the Titanic carried over 2200 people, there were only enough life boats for around 1200 of them.

### The route of the fateful Voyage:





#### <u>RNLI</u>

The RNLI was founded in 1824 by Sir William Hilliary who requested a service for saving lives at sea.

In 2001, RNLI lifeguards were on beaches for the first time.