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The Titanic

In 1912, one of the most majestic ships of all times—the *Titanic*—set sail for America from England. The ship held not only some of the world’s wealthiest people but also hundreds of immigrants hoping to find a new life in America. Sadly, many of those on board never reached American shores.

On the fifth night of the ship’s first voyage, disaster struck when the ship came into deadly contact with an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean. The force of the contact

caused the ship, which had once been called “unsinkable,” to be doomed.

By the end of the night, 1,500 of the 2,200 people on board would be dead. Too few lifeboats and inadequate safety procedures caused the demise of those who might have survived the terrible tragedy. For many, what happened to the *Titanic* is considered one of the greatest shipwrecks of all time.

Text Questions

1. What does the word *majestic* mean as it is used in the first paragraph?
 - a. grand
 - b. colossal
 - c. enlightened
 - d. imposing
2. What is the meaning of the last sentence—“what happened to the *Titanic* is considered one of the greatest shipwrecks of all time”?
 - a. The ship was the largest to ever sink.
 - b. There was a plethora of people who died when the ship sank.
 - c. The shipwreck is a tragedy no one will ever forget.
 - d. The story of the shipwreck is known by people in both England and America.
3. Based on the text, which of the following statements can be proven true?
 - a. The *Titanic* was the grandest ship of its time.
 - b. The immigrants on board the *Titanic* felt lucky to be going to America.
 - c. There were not enough lifeboats for the number of passengers on board the *Titanic*.
 - d. The ship’s voyage was taking longer than expected.
4. What was the author’s purpose in writing this text?
 - a. to entertain
 - b. to persuade
 - c. to encourage
 - d. to inform
5. Which would be the best source to learn more about icebergs?
 - a. an encyclopedia
 - b. an atlas
 - c. an almanac
 - d. a dictionary