

1. An unsinkable legend

On July 24th 1986, Dr Robert Ballard and a team of researchers discovered the wreck of the *Titanic*. This produced a wave of renewed interest in the stories of the lives of the victims and the survivors. Even Hollywood got in on the act, producing an epic tear-jerker. However, this week's worksheet takes a look at a less well-publicised story, a story written by man fourteen years before the disaster, which predicted the whole event. Interested? You will be ...

Level:

Intermediate and upwards

How to use the lesson:

1. Divide the class into two groups, A and B. Give one copy of Worksheet A to each student in Group A and one copy of Worksheet B to each student in Group B. Ask students to fold their worksheets in half so that only the top text and Exercise 1 are showing.
2. Tell your students they have the same text, but there is some information missing from each worksheet. Explain that they are going to ask a member of the other group some questions to help them complete the text, but first they need to prepare the questions.
3. Ask the students to work together to prepare and write down the questions they need to ask to complete the text.
4. When all the students have prepared their questions, ask a student from Group A to work with a student from Group B. They should take it in turns to ask and answer the questions they have prepared and write the answers in the space in their text.
5. When both students have finished asking and answering, allow them to compare worksheets.
6. Ask students to stay in their pairs to complete Exercise 2. Tell them they need to complete the text, using the words in the box.
7. Check answers in open class.

Suggested questions

1. What was the novel called?
2. What was the story about?
3. How much did the ship weigh?
4. How long was the ship?
5. How fast could it travel?
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Answers

1. In 2. after 3. at 4. of 5. with 6. on 7. by 8. in 9. by 10. into 11. on 12. out 13. in
14. on

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://titanic.eb.com/01_01.html

a fascinating exhibition on the *Titanic*

<http://www.discovery.com/guides/history/titanic/Titanic/titanic.html?00000>

a tour of the liner with some of the passengers

<http://www.starway.org/Titanic/>

links including Morgan Robertson's novel about 'the other *Titanic*'