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Interest in the history of the Titanic is prevalent even during current time. One of the most magnificent vessels to ever sail the Atlantic ocean, the Titanic was the epitome of craftsmanship, technology and majesty. The history of the Titanic is a rich landscape of triumph, tragedy, and mystery with artifacts and information still surfacing even after nearly 100 years since the event. No other vessel in history has drawn as much attention as the history of the Titanic, and as a result, a myriad of books, films, and other forms of media have been released in order to recount the events of April 14, 1912 and offer new facts and insight into the tragedy.

Titanic construction began in March 31, 1909 in Belfast, Ireland and was the project of White Star Liners and was built at the Harland & Wolff shipyard. Length of the Titanic construction spanned about three years and cost nearly \$7.5 million to build. A technological marvel of its time, the Titanic contained eighteen water tight containers fitted with steel doors designed to close within 25 seconds in order to keep water out of the ship's interior. Construction of the Titanic took the work of about 3000 laborers and nearly 3 million rivets. White Star had also constructed a smaller version of the Titanic called the Olympic just a year earlier. Both ships were designed to be the most luxurious ocean liners in operation at the time.

On Sunday, April 14, 1912, the temperature of the Atlantic Ocean dropped to near freezing; the night was clear and calm. The ship's captain had received various ice warnings from other vessels, some of which reached the captain and others which did not. At 23:40, while sailing about 400 miles south of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, lookouts spotted a large iceberg directly in the path of the Titanic. captain Smith took a hard left to try to steer clear of the iceberg, but the massive chunk of ice produced a gaping hole in the starboard site of the Titanic. As the iceberg tore a 299 foot gash in the hull of the Titanic, water begun flooding into the watertight compartments. The Titanic was designed to be able to float with four of these compartments damaged, but the gaping hole exposed five of them, causing the Titanic's bulkheads to fall below the waterline.

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