

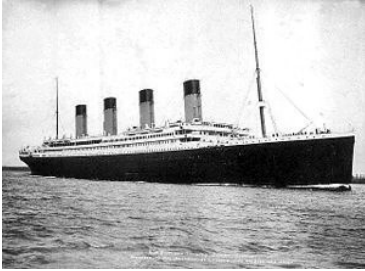


The Titanic vs. Costa Concordia



After the 2012 shipwreck of the Italian Costa Concordia cruise ship, the event was compared to the most famous shipwreck ever, the Titanic. Read about the two disasters and find similarities and differences.

The Titanic



It was the maiden (first) voyage of the new luxury passenger liner, the largest in the world. It had 2,223 passengers on board and set sail from Southampton, bound for New York, on 10th April 1912. Four days later, at 11.40 p.m., it hit an iceberg, sinking at 2.20 a.m. the following morning. 1,517 people lost their lives making it the worst shipwreck in history.

Costa Concordia

This large cruise ship was built in 2006 in Italy by Fincantieri. It left Civitavecchia on the evening of 13th January 2012, bound for Savona, with 3,229 passengers and a crew of over 1,000. At around 9.40 p.m. it struck a rock near Isola del Giglio in Tuscany, causing the ship to capsize. More than thirty people died.



Read the following sentences. Check if they are true or false. Correct the false ones.

1. Both ships were on their maiden voyage. _____
2. Both ships were well-equipped. _____
3. Both ships sank on the 13th of the month. _____
4. Both ships were sailing at night. _____
5. Both ships sank after striking a rock. _____
6. Most of the passengers died in both disasters. _____

KEY

1. F. Costa Concordia had been sailing for more than five years, 2. T, 3. F. The Titanic sank on the 15th, 4. T, 5. F. The Titanic struck an iceberg, 6. F. Just in the Titanic.