



Smithsonian's History Explorer Podcast

Teacher Guide



Objects from the RMS Titanic and Rescue

with curator Paul Johnston

Podcast Link: <http://amhistory.si.edu/thinkfinity/podcast/titanic.mp3>

Pre-Listening Questions

- Why do you think people are so interested in the Titanic?
- What personal objects would you bring with you on an ocean voyage at the turn of the century? What if you were in first class? What if you were in steerage?
- What kind of objects from the Titanic might not have been preserved or saved?

Discussion Questions

- The curator mentions a couple of technologies that were new at the time of the Titanic's voyage. What role do these technologies play in the story of the Titanic?
- What was the name of the ship that rescued the Titanic survivors?
- What object or objects from the Titanic are in the Smithsonian collection?

Related Resources from the National Museum of American History

- On the Water: Stories from Maritime America
http://amhistory.si.edu/onthewater/exhibition/5_3.html#Titanic
- A Tragedy's 100th Anniversary
<http://blog.americanhistory.si.edu/osaycanyousee/2012/04/a-tragedys-100th-anniversary.html>

Related Resources from History Explorer

- Ocean Crossings 1870-1969
<http://historyexplorer.americanhistory.si.edu/resource/?key=1976>

Related Standards for U.S. History (National Center for History in the Schools)

- Era 6: The Development of the Industrial United States (1870-1900)
 - Standard 2: Massive immigration after 1870 and how new social patterns, conflicts, and ideas of national unity developed amid growing cultural diversity

Related Standards for World History (National Center for History in the Schools)

- Era : An Age of Revolutions (1750-1914)
 - Standard 6: Major Global Trends from 1750-1914

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Date:

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Pre-Listening vocabulary- Define these words:

Numismatics

Pre-Listening Question:

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Listen to the podcast. Take notes and answer the questions.

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