

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER STUDY GUIDE

This section is a study guide for Walter Lord's book, A Night To Remember. The book is based on the events that transpired during the night *Titanic* sank. The teacher may have each student read and answer the questions on the study guide independently, or the teacher may read a small portion each day to the class and then have the students answer the related questions from the study guide. The study guide covers all ten chapters of the book as follows:

<u>CHAPTER #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1.	"Another Belfast Trip"
2.	"There's Talk of An Iceberg, Ma'am"
3.	"God Himself Could Not Sink This Ship"
4.	"You Go and I'll Stay A While"
5.	"I Believe She's Gone, Hardy"
6.	"That's The Way Of It At This Kind Of Time"
7.	"There Is Your Beautiful Nightdress Gone"
8.	"It Reminds Me Of A Bloomin' Picnic"
9.	"We're Going North Like Hell"
10.	"Go Away-We Have Just Seen Our Husbands Drown"

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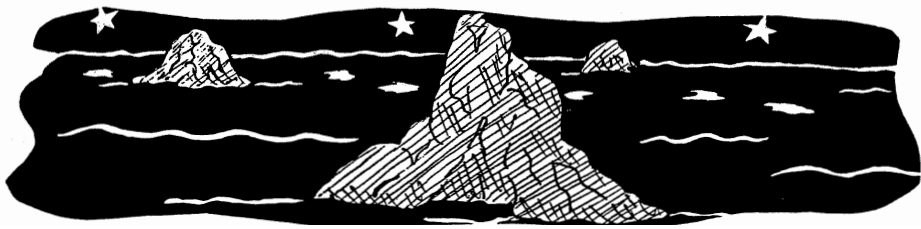
There are two sets of study guides included. One set is the teacher's key with all the answers. The other set is left blank for students to answer. Note that, where possible, students should be reminded to answer all questions in full sentences.



CHAPTER I: "Another Belfast Trip"

Name: _____

1. What was so unusual about the Atlantic Ocean that night?
2. How many days into the Maiden Voyage are they when this book begins?
3. What was Frederick Fleet's duty?
4. How fast was the *Titanic* going around 11:40 p.m.?
5. What signal did Fleet give to warn the bridge of danger ahead?
6. How much time passed before the *Titanic* reached the iceberg?
7. How far above the water did the iceberg tower?
8. What was the time-honored pastime of off-duty stewards?
9. Who was J. Bruce Ismay?
10. What two orders did First Officer William Murdoch give to avoid colliding with the iceberg?
11. Why was the *Californian* stopped?
12. Why did it appear to the *Californian* that the *Titanic* had put out all its lights?



CHAPTER II: "There's Talk of an Iceberg, Ma'am"

Name: _____

1. What caused the passengers to stir?
2. How did the passengers respond to the collision at first?
3. Where did tonnes of ice fall on to the *Titanic*?
4. What did some of the passengers collect as temporary souvenirs?
5. How did passengers and crew feel about Captain Smith?
6. Who was Thomas Andrews?
7. What was happening when the boat was "listing"?
8. How many of the 16 compartments were flooded upon inspection?
9. How many compartments, at most, could be flooded without the *Titanic* sinking?
10. What was Captain Smith planning to do after this voyage?
11. What time did Captain Smith order the lifeboats uncovered and the passengers mustered?
12. Who are Bride and Phillips?
13. What does "CQD MGY" mean?
14. Why didn't the *Californian* receive the message?



CHAPTER III: "God Himself Could Not Sink This Ship"

Name: _____

1. How did the crew react to the warning at first?
2. How was the warning passed throughout the ship?
3. How did the stewards alert the first class passengers differently from the second class passengers?
4. What represented how the passengers felt about the situation?
5. What did the passengers do while waiting for the crew to get to their stations?
6. How many lifeboats were there in total and how many people fit into them?
7. What added to the confusion among the passengers?
8. What was the band playing while the boats were being loaded?
9. Describe Bruce Ismay's demeanor during the lifeboat loading?
10. What does it mean to say Ismay was "abashed"?
11. Why was Quartermaster Rowe the last one to know about the situation?
12. Describe Thomas Andrews.
13. How did the world find out about the situation?
14. What was the closest ship to respond to the *Titanic's* distress call?
15. What signal did Bride suggest for Phillips to use?

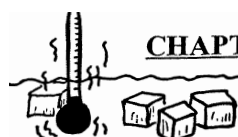


CHAPTER IV: "You Go and I'll Stay A While"

Name: _____

1. How did the husbands deal with their wives refusal to leave them?
2. What caused even the carefree passengers to grow uneasy?
3. What did the stewards do to prevent looting?
4. How did Lightoller gauge the water level?
5. What does it mean to say the pace grew "sloppier"?
6. Why were more men loaded into lifeboats on the starboard side?
7. How many seats were wasted in lifeboat #1?
8. Why was it difficult for the steward to communicate with many of the third class passengers?
9. When were the third class women and children allowed past the barriers and led up to the boat deck?
10. Where were the launched lifeboats told to go?





CHAPTER VI: "That's The Way Of It At This Kind Of Time"

Name: _____

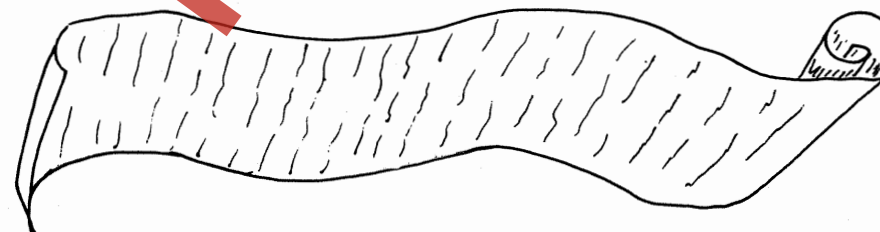
- Describe the mood on the *Titanic* when all the lifeboats had been launched?
- At 2:05 a.m., what order did Captain Smith give to the crew?
- What time were the third class passengers (who were not part of the two groups led up earlier) allowed past the gates to find the boat deck on their own?
- Where was Thomas Andrews at 2:10 a.m.?
- How much did the temperature drop from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.?
- What temperature was the sea at 10:30 p.m.?
- How did Phillips respond to the *Californian's* message at 11:00?
- What type of song was the band playing at 2:15 a.m.?
- Since collapsibles A & B could not be launched, how did they reach the sea?
- What was the wave caused by?
- What does it mean to say the *Titanic* was "perpendicular"?
- What time did the *Titanic* finally sink?
- What was the women's mood in the lifeboats after the sinking?
- What explanation did the *Californian's* crew have for the *Titanic's* lights being low on the horizon?



CHAPTER VII: "There Is Your Beautiful Night Dress Gone"

Name: _____

- How were ice messages received by liners after the *Titanic* sank?
- What did the American and British governments do after the sinking?
- How was wireless service changed after the sinking?
- How did lifeboat regulations change after the sinking?
- What were the loading procedures for lifeboats after the sinking?
- How many first and second class children died compared to third class?
- List the number of women casualties in each class.
- How did most third class passengers feel about the incident?
- What news would never get by the "social consciousness" of today's press?
- Why weren't the problems with third class passengers addressed?
- Why were the "wealthy" in the center of public affection in 1912?
- What did the *Titanic* disaster mark the beginning of?



CHAPTER VIII: "It Reminds Me Of A Bloomin' Picnic"

Name: _____

- How did Officer Lowe organize the rescue work?
- How many people did Lowe rescue by returning to the area?
- Why didn't other boats go back?
- Altogether, how many people were picked up by Lowe and lifeboats nearby?
- What was unusual about the night sky?
- What brought people out of their trances?
- What was the aftermath being compared to?
- What were the handkerchiefs used for?
- How did the mood change as the night went on?
- What were many of the arguments about?
- What did the men on collapsible B talk about most?
- Who was the one person still alive in the water at 3:30 a.m.?
- What signaled the people that a ship was coming?
- How did the mood change then?



CHAPTER IX: "We're Going North Like Hell"

Name: _____

- What was the *Carpathia's* original voyage route before changing course?
- How did the *Carpathia's* passengers know something was wrong?
- What was the estimated amount of time the *Carpathia* needed to reach the *Titanic*?
- What were the *Carpathia's* passengers doing while the crew organized rescue operations?
- When did the *Carpathia's* crew think they saw the green flares?
- What was the general feeling among the *Carpathia's* crew as they sped to the *Titanic's* rescue?
- When did the *Carpathia* arrive at the scene?
- How wide was the area where the lifeboats were scattered?
- What was so astonishing to the *Carpathia's* passengers?
- At 5:40 a.m., when the *Californian's* crew first heard about the *Titanic*, what did they do?





CHAPTER X: "Go Away-We Have Just Seen Our Husbands Drown"

Name: _____

1. What were the survivors doing as they were rowing toward the *Carpathia*?
2. How far away did *Carpathia* stop from the farthest lifeboat?
3. What time was it when lifeboat #12 finished loading collapsible B on and shoved off toward the *Carpathia*?
4. How was Lowe different from the other men?
5. What condition were the people in collapsible A in?
6. How did the passengers transfer on to the *Carpathia*?
7. What did Ismay ask for when he got on board the *Carpathia*?
8. What happened to Ismay after the trip?
9. What was strangest of all during the unloading?
10. When did the last boat reach the *Carpathia*?
11. Why didn't the *Carpathia* transfer the passengers to the *Olympic*?
12. What did Captain Rostron want to do before heading for New York?
13. When did the New York office of the White Star Lines receive confirmation that the *Titanic* had sunk?

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How far away did *Carpathia* stop from the farthest lifeboat? (The farthest lifeboat had to row about four miles.)

What time was it when lifeboat #12 finished loading collapsible B on and shoved off toward the *Carpathia*? (It was 6:30 a.m.)

How was Lowe different from the other men? (Lowe was both a boatman and a seaman.)

What condition were the people in collapsible A in? (Since the sides of the boat had not been raised, people were standing in water up to their knees. They were making no headway.)

How did the passengers transfer on to the *Carpathia*? (They climbed a rope ladder or sat in a rope sling.)

What did Ismay ask for when he got on board the *Carpathia*? (He asked for a room where he could be quiet.)

What happened to Ismay after the trip? (Ismay retired from White Star Lines, moved to a large estate on the west coast of Ireland, and was a recluse until he died in 1937.)

What was strangest of all during the unloading? (The silence was very strange.)

When did the last boat reach the *Carpathia*? (Lifeboat #12 reached the *Carpathia* at 8:30 a.m.)

Why didn't the *Carpathia* transfer the passengers to the *Olympic*? (The Captain didn't want to subject them to another transfer at sea, especially to the other ship of the *Titanic*. For some passengers, it would be like seeing a ghost.)

What did Captain Rostron want to do before heading for New York? (He wanted to have a brief funeral service.)

When did the New York office of the White Star Lines receive confirmation that the *Titanic* had sunk? (The office was not certain until notification came at 6:15 p.m.)

ANSWER KEY