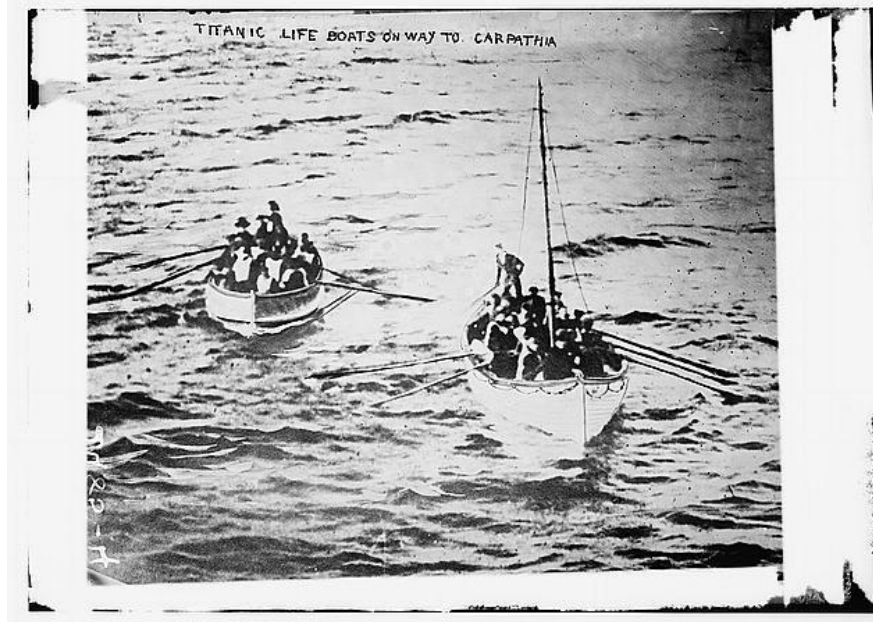


**National History Day Topic:** The Titanic  
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**TITANIC life boats on way to CARPATHIA**

### **Introduction:**

Rights and Responsibilities in History

Through the ages of times, this is a topic that never seems to change. Society seems to place people in a category by their social or financial status. Depending on your status, you are ranked in the society. Finance plays a very important role on how a person is seen, judged, treated, and the privileges they receive.

During the time of The Titanic, people were placed on the ship by their status. The dining, living quarters, and treatment was based on whether they were lower/steerage or upper/first class. When the Titanic began to sink, those in steerage knew they were not going to be given a chance to be on a lifeboat. Some people in this position did not even try, knowing they were not going to be given the opportunity. Some gates and stairs were even blocked so they were not given access to reach the top of the ship.

The majority of those saved and those on the lifeboats were those who were the upper first class passengers.

### **Guiding Historical Question**

How does one's social status of first class or lower class impact a person's right to live or die in an emergency disaster?

### Primary source 1



**Image Title:** Groups of TITANIC survivors aboard rescue ship CARPATHIA: unidentified group on deck

**Author:** Unknown

**Date:** May 27, 1912

**Persistent URL:** <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3b04287/>



### Primary Source 2

**Image Title:** Mrs. J.J. Brown, 3/4 standing, 1915. Captioned "Survivor of TITANIC as she landed from CARPATHIA"

**Author:** The George Grantham Bain Collection

**Date:** 1915?

**Persistent**

**URL:** <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/2002721365/resource/>



### Primary source 3

**Image Title:** Stuart Collett; survivor of the TITANIC

**Author:** The George Grantham Bain Collection

**Date:** April 19, 1912

**Persistent URL:**

<http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3a34561/>

### Primary Source 4

**Image Title:** *Titanic, Giant White Star Liner, Sinks After Collision With Iceberg on Her Maiden Voyage, and 1,800 Lives Are Reported Lost in World's Greatest Marine Disaster*

**Author:** The Richmond Times Dispatch

**Date:** April 16, 1912

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**WIRELESS CALLS SEND VESSELS RUSHING TO AID OF SEA COLOSSUS**  
Through the Night They Drive With Full Speed to Reach Titanic.

**SEAFARING WORLD WAITS IN AGONY OF SUSPENSE**  
Braving Storms, Storms, Ice, Rain, and Fog and War-Like Conditions Ship is Held Close Stern, Carrying Hundreds of Passengers and Crew, Struggling Striving, Mark of Storms, Whirls and Swirls.

**OF ALL ON BOARD ONLY 675 KNOWN TO HAVE ESCAPED DEATH IN OCEAN**  
Those Reported Mostly Women and Children, Who Were Taken Off in Boats.

**BIT OF WRECKAGE ALL THAT IS LEFT OF GREAT VESSEL**  
Steamer Carrying in Striking Position is Seen—Two Other Vessels Not Far Off, and There is First Sign That They May Have Found Up Body of Titanic's Wreckage.

**Secondary Sources**

**Secondary source 1**

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**Secondary source 2**

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