

Read and Understand

What is the main event covered in this story?

Write the phrase the narrator uses to describe Titanic when she first sees the ship at Southampton dock.

What does Eva say is 'the sound of the whole disaster'?



Reflect and Respond

There are two voices narrating this account.

Why do you think the narration cuts between older Eva Hart (the real person's voice) and young Eva (a child actor's voice)?

Is it an effective strategy? Why/why not?

Infer What's Not There

In later life Eva Hart was very much against people salvaging items from the wreck of the Titanic. She called them 'grave robbers'.

Why do you think she felt this way?

Do you agree with her? Why/why not?

Explore Some More

Do some research into Eva Hart and her family's experiences on Titanic.

Find out about:

Her father's business plans.

Her mother's feelings about travelling aboard Titanic.

What REALLY happened to Eva's doll, pictured throughout the animation.



Task Map: BBC Learning Titanic: A Child Survivor's Story

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p029z97h/player>

Connect 4

I had nightmares from the time it sank until I was 23.

Apparently, Eva's nightmares stopped when she decided to face her fear of ships head on and booked herself on a long voyage to Singapore.

Discuss a time you faced a fear-maybe you were afraid of the dark, or of speaking in public, or going on a rollercoaster. How did facing your fear make you feel at the time? Did it help?

Explore Some More

'On the third night...'

Is this correct? Check the dates of Titanic's sinking and create an accurate time-line.

Listen to the animation's soundtrack. What effect does the music have on your feelings both when the ship first hits the iceberg and when it sinks?

Reflect and Respond

Listen to Eva's description of the icebergs in the morning and read fellow survivor Jack Thayer's account. *It was just about this time that the edge of the sun came above the horizon. Then, to feel its glowing warmth, which we had never expected to see again, was something never to be forgotten. Even through my numbness I began to realize that I was saved — that I would live.*

Imagine you are a Titanic survivor and dawn has just broken. Describe the scene and your feelings.

Create Something Great

'The crew of the ship that rescued us...'

Write a thrilling account of the rescue of Titanic's survivors from the point of view of a young passenger or crew member on RMS Carpathia.