

# The Titanic

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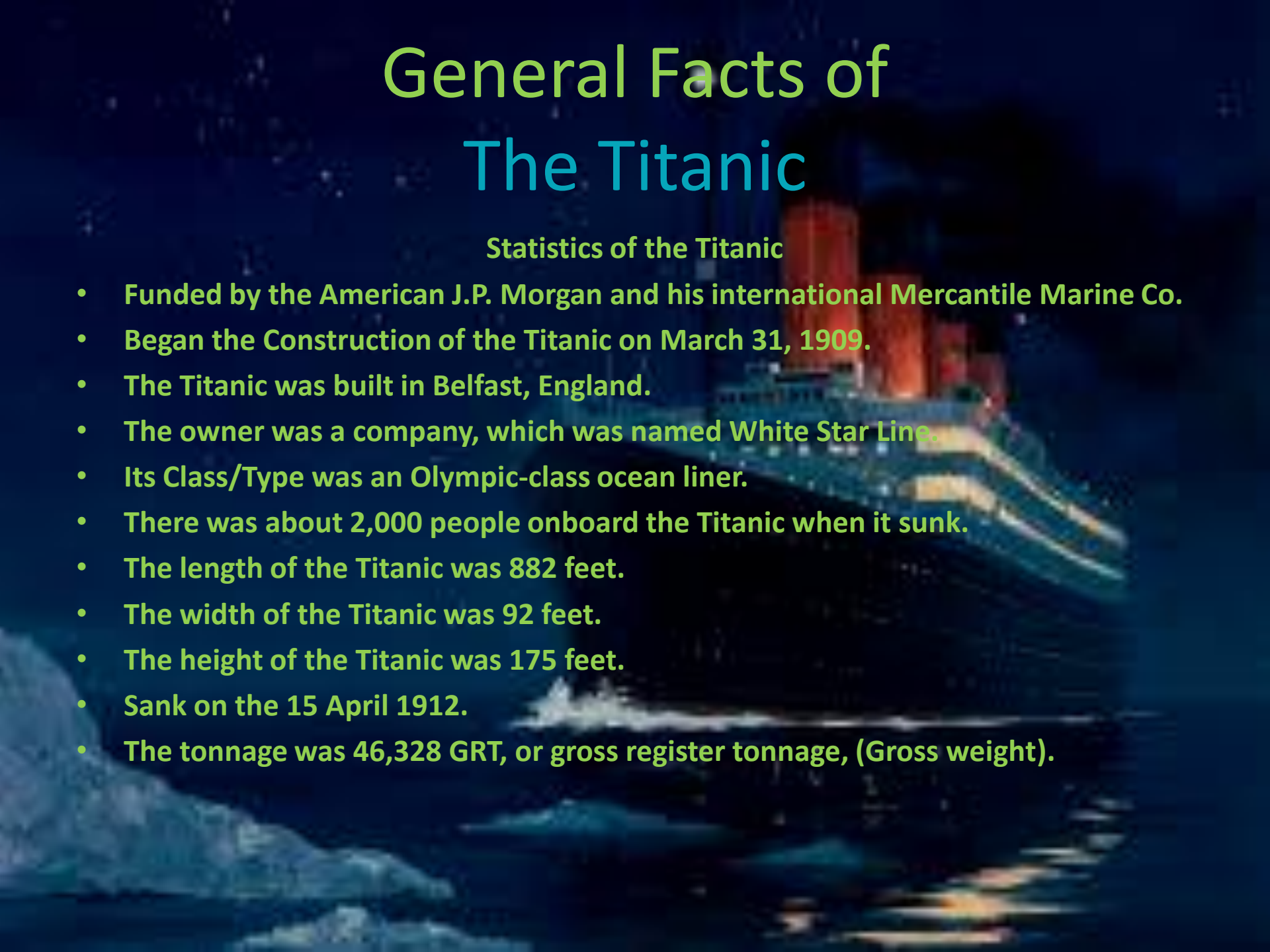
Q: What is the psychology behind the passengers that survived on the Titanic?



# General Facts of The Titanic

## Statistics of the Titanic

- Funded by the American J.P. Morgan and his international Mercantile Marine Co.
- Began the Construction of the Titanic on March 31, 1909.
- The Titanic was built in Belfast, England.
- The owner was a company, which was named White Star Line.
- Its Class/Type was an Olympic-class ocean liner.
- There was about 2,000 people onboard the Titanic when it sunk.
- The length of the Titanic was 882 feet.
- The width of the Titanic was 92 feet.
- The height of the Titanic was 175 feet.
- Sank on the 15 April 1912.
- The tonnage was 46,328 GRT, or gross register tonnage, (Gross weight).



# Ruth Becker



Ruth Becker was twelve when she boarded the Titanic, and was one of the survivors. This is her story: Ruth Elizabeth Becker was born on October 28, 1899 in Guntur, India to an American Missionary, who was named Allen Oliver Becker. After Nellie, Ruth's mom gave birth to her; she gave birth to a son, who died just before his second birthday. Nellie gave birth to a second daughter on a December in 1907. Almost three years later, Nellie gave birth to a son, who was named Richard. Richard was born on a June in 1910. Less than two years later, something unfortunate happened: Richard contracted a sickness in India. Nellie took Richard and her two daughters to a town in Michigan in desperate search of a treatment.

Ruth Becker boarded the Titanic with her family on April 10, 1912. Before the Titanic left, Ruth explored this amazing ship. Then the whistle blew, and she rushed back to her second-class cabin to get to her family. The amazing boat began to rush through the water, and its towering size created huge waves. Ruth Becker described her second-class room in the Titanic like a hotel, which it certainly was like.

# How Did the Titanic Sink?

The Titanic had lots of safety features in the case of a malfunction onboard the ship. Some of these safety features were air-tight doors the captain could close with the flick of a switch, and there was a thick hull in the case of crashing into something. Even though the Titanic had lots of safety features, it sank because of an error in the crew's nest.

"We've had a little accident. They're going to fix it, and then we'll be on our way," said a stewardess to Ruth and her family. Due to the damage that was done to the ship Nellie took Ruth, Marion, and Richard Becker onboard the top deck of the ship. The Becker family was split up into different lifeboats, and Ruth was put onboard lifeboat 11.

"Go towards those green lights, it might be a rescue ship," said a man on a lifeboat. The RMS Carpathia was a ship that rescued the Titanic survivors. The Carpathia was a transatlantic passenger ocean liner.

# What is GRT?

Why am I telling you what GRT is? The reason of me telling you this is because I mentioned GRT on the 'General Facts of the Titanic' spreadsheet on slide two.

GRT stands for gross register tonnage, which was used to measure the weight of the Titanic. GRT measures the internal weight of a ship. To completely understand GRT it is really a complex measuring system. To get rid of this problem, GRT was replaced to gross tonnage by the Tonnage Measurement convention in 1994.

Tonnage is different than tons, because it is used to measure the total amount of cargo a ship can carry. The word tonnage comes from taxing people for casts of wine, but was later used for the reference of a ship.

- Fact: Tonnage is also used to charge fees on marine shipping.

## THE GENERAL FACTS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA

When someone gets in an accident or crime that causes injuries both mentally and/or physically, many fears are triggered in the person's mind. They have the fear of being in a horrific accident or crime again. Psychological trauma can be caused by many things, which include:

- Bullying
- Domestic violence
- Alcoholism
- Warfare
- Natural disasters
- Plane crashes
- Car accidents
- Boating accidents
- Train derailments
- Accidentally killing someone by hitting them with a vehicle

When someone gets psychological trauma, they can get disturbing images and memories in their minds, such as flashbacks, nightmares, and other symptoms. People with psychological trauma may also have insomnia, because of the fear of having the same accident or crime happen to them. They stay awake to keep an eye out for dangers, because of this fear.

Psychological trauma from childhood can lead to crime when the child is older. When a child gets bullied, is a witness of warfare in his or her country, or has domestic violence in his household it can lead to murder or crime relationships when he or she is older. Murder by a teenager or young adult can be caused by psychological trauma from when the person was a youth.

Sometimes psychological trauma can also lead to rudeness or even a physical assault, because the victim of the psychological trauma can have flashbacks and memories that trigger them to attack or say rude things without realizing that they are actually doing it at an inappropriate time. Similar things happen with depressed patients, but usually it on purpose, because the depressed patient feels insecure and sad, wanting to leave life and also take another life with them.

Psychological trauma sometimes leads to the belief that the patient is stuck in their situation, and that the situation will never improve. This belief can lead to low self-esteem, and more commonly depression. Traumatized people will sometimes question their own identity depending on how severe the psychological trauma is. In the worst case of psychological trauma, the patient may commit suicide.

# *Out of the Watery Grave—The Survivors' Mental Trauma*



Sometimes people do not think about why the survivors didn't talk about their experiences, but it is harder than you think. Imagine being on a giant cruiser, and it smashes into an iceberg late at night. Since there weren't enough lifeboats, some people would go into the water. When the boat is finally below the water, you would hear screams, screams of horror and pain... and they would fade away after awhile because they would be getting hypothermia, and they would be freezing in the watery grave. Suddenly the screams would go away. There would be lots of lifeless corpses floating cold in the icy water. That is why most of the survivors didn't talk and get psychological trauma.

- The Titanic survivors had psychological trauma too. These went under the category of a commercial accident, which was due to a commercial shipping accident. They too had flashbacks and disturbing images in their minds. The reason the survivors onboard did not talk about their experience is because of how horrible the sights of the sinking were, and the psychological trauma effect may have also done an effect on the survivors. These survivors would suffer flashbacks of such a horrible event, of a watery grave, cold and dark.



Once a great ship was set to go to the grand city of New York — a lovely ship who fell down in the great water.

R.I.P. to all of those who died.

Above — Picture of where the Titanic docked herself.



Background — Picture of the Titanic docked, before it's terrible failed voyage.