

Quiz B: RI.8.9

Read the passages. Then answer the questions.

“Liner Titanic Wrecked by Iceberg; Passengers Transferred to Other Vessels in Mid Ocean”

Unknown (article from *The Day Book*)

- 1 Biggest Steamer Ever Afloat Crumpled Up Like Toy in Nighttime—Wireless Saves 2,000 Passengers and Crew.
- 2 Halifax, N. S., April 15.—Kept afloat only by her watertight compartments, the great White Star liner Titanic slowly is crawling toward this harbor.
- 3 Her 1,470 passengers were taken off and put aboard other steamers in mid ocean. They may thank a calm sea and the wireless that they are alive today.
- 4 The disaster to the Titanic is unequalled in the history of navigation: The largest, most luxurious and best appointed vessel that ever floated, she seemed proof against any disaster.
- 5 Hardly another ship afloat could have withstood the terrific shock when the Titanic, driving through the night at more than half speed ahead, crashed bow on into a great submerged iceberg.
- 6 Just how the accident happened, whether there was a panic among the passengers, is not yet known here. Only the wireless appeals for help came from the stricken ship.
- 7 Captain E. S. Smith, admiral of the White Star fleet of liners and in command of the Titanic, realized acutely the danger to his passengers.
- 8 The first message was received at the Cape Race wireless station at 10:25 p. m. last night. It was demand for immediate help.
- 9 From Cape Race the news was spread far and wide by wireless and by telegraph. Vessel was reached and given the position of the Titanic, and urged to make all speed to her aid.
- 10 The Allan liner *Virginian* was the first. She turned her prow toward the wounded giant of the seas, and set out under forced draught. Then the *Carpathia*, of the Cunard line, and the *Baltic*, sister ship of the wrecked vessel, and the Allan liner *Parisian*, were reached, and all proceeded toward the Titanic.
- 11 Then came a time of cruel waiting. From the moment the first message reached Cape Race station until 12:27 a.m., there came flash after flash from the Titanic.
- 12 And each message was the same—“Hurry! Hurry! We are sinking and the passengers may be lost.”
- 13 Nothing could be done from the shore. The Titanic lay 450 miles south of Cape Race, and 1,150 miles due east of New York.

