Titanic Vocabulary

Directions: This issue’s nonfiction article includes several words you could use when talking or writing about the Titanic disaster. Complete each section below to help you get to know these words.

A. Brainstorm some words that come to mind when you think about the Titanic disaster. Write them here:


B. We’ve highlighted six Titanic-related words in “Into the Dark Water.” Here they are with their meanings. Place a ✓ next to the words that are new to you. As you’re reading, look at these meanings.

_____ elegant: grand, beautiful

_____ first-class: the best-quality and often most expensive way to travel

_____ transatlantic: crossing the Atlantic Ocean

_____ iceberg: a giant chunk of floating ice

_____ gasping: trying hard to breathe

_____ eerie: creepy

C. Here are three sentences. Fill in the blank in each with one of the vocabulary words to the left. Use the definitions to help you.

1. We watched a video about a glacier. I never knew that’s where an ____________ comes from.

2. The way the black cat stared at me with his yellow eyes was ________________.

3. My family is taking a cruise to England, sailing across the Atlantic Ocean. It’ll be my first ________________ trip.

Extra Practice!

Imagine you’ve just taken a trip across the Atlantic Ocean. Write three sentences about what happened. Use at least one vocabulary word from this page in each sentence.