

EXAMPLE OF INFORMATIVE SPEECH OUTLINE

Name:.....

Informative Outline

Topic: The Titanic

General Purpose: To Inform

Specific Purpose: To inform my audience about one of the most famous tragedies in history, the Titanic.

Thesis: From the disaster to the movie, the sinking of the Titanic remains one of the most famous tragedies in history.

I. Introduction

A. Attention Getter:

B. Reason to Listen:

C. Thesis Statement:

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D. Credibility Statement:

- 1.
- 2.

E. Preview of Main Points:

- 1.
- 2.

3.

II. Body

From the disaster to the movie, the sinking of the Titanic remains one of the most famous tragedies in history.

A. The Titanic was thought to be the largest, safest, most luxurious ship ever built.

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a.

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b.

c.

d.

Transition: Now that I've discussed the Titanic itself, I will now discuss the tragedy that occurred on its maiden voyage.

B. The Titanic hit disasterwhen it ran into an iceberg four days after its

1. The beginning of thevoyage was mostly.....

a. Tibbals (1997) stated that the shipfrom Queenstown in Ireland at 1:30 pm on April 10th, 1912,.....

b. The weather was perfect for sailing – there was blue sky, light winds, and.....

c. According to Walter Lord infrom....., the Atlantic Ocean was like polished plate glass on the night of

2. The journey took aturn when the shipan iceberg and Began.....

a. In the bookfrom 1992, Lynch explains that theat 11:40 pm on Sunday, April 14th.

b. According to Robert Ballard's book *Exploring the Titanic*, the largest part of the iceberg was under water.

c. Some of the ship'shad been punctured and the first five compartments rapidly filled with water.

d. Tibbals (1997) wrote thatwere fired and distress signals were sent out, but there were no ships close enough to

arrive in time.

3. As the ship went down, some were rescued but the majority of passengers had no place to go.
 - a. Thresh (1992) stated that there were onlyon the ship.
 - b. This was only enough for about half of thethat were on board.
 - c. The lifeboats were filled quickly with women and children first.
4. The ship disappeared from sight.
 - a. Tibbals (1997) explains that....., the ship broke in half and slowly slipped under the water.
 - b., the Carpathia answered Titanic's distress call and arrived to rescue those floating in the lifeboats.
 - c. Lynch (1992) reported that in the end,were lost.

Transition: Now that we have learned about the history of the Titanic, I will discuss the movie that was made about it.

C. A movie depicting the Titanic and a group of fictional characters was made.

1. The movie was written, produced, and directed by James Cameron.
 - a. According to Marsh in *James Cameron's Titanic* from 1997, Cameron set out to write a film that would bring the event of the Titanic to life.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Making *Titanic* was extremely expensive and involved much hard work.
 - a. According to a 1998 article from the *Historical Journal of Films, Radio, and Television*, Kramer stated that the film had a 250

million dollar budget.

b. A full-sized replica of the ship was constructed in Baja California, Mexico in a 17 million gallon oceanfront tank.

c.

d. Marsh (1997) further explained that the smallest details were attended to, including imprinting the thousands of pieces china, crystal, and silver cutlery used in the dining room scenes with White Star's emblem and pattern.

3. The movie was extremely successful.

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b. It made approximately 1.8 billion dollars world-wide and is also the #1 movie of all time world-wide.

c.

d. It was also nominated for a record fourteen Academy Awards, and it won eleven.

III. Conclusion

A. Review of Main Points:

1. Today I first discussed the Titanic itself.
2. Second, I discussed the sinking of the ship.
3. Finally, I discussed the movie that was made about the Titanic.

B. Restate Thesis: From the disaster to the movie, the sinking of the Titanic remains one of the most famous tragedies in history.

C. Closure: In conclusion, remember *The Wreck of the Titan*, the story written fourteen years before the Titanic sank. It now seems as if it was an eerie prophecy, or a case of life imitating art. Whatever the case, the loss of lives on the

Titanic was tremendous, and it is something that should never be forgotten.
