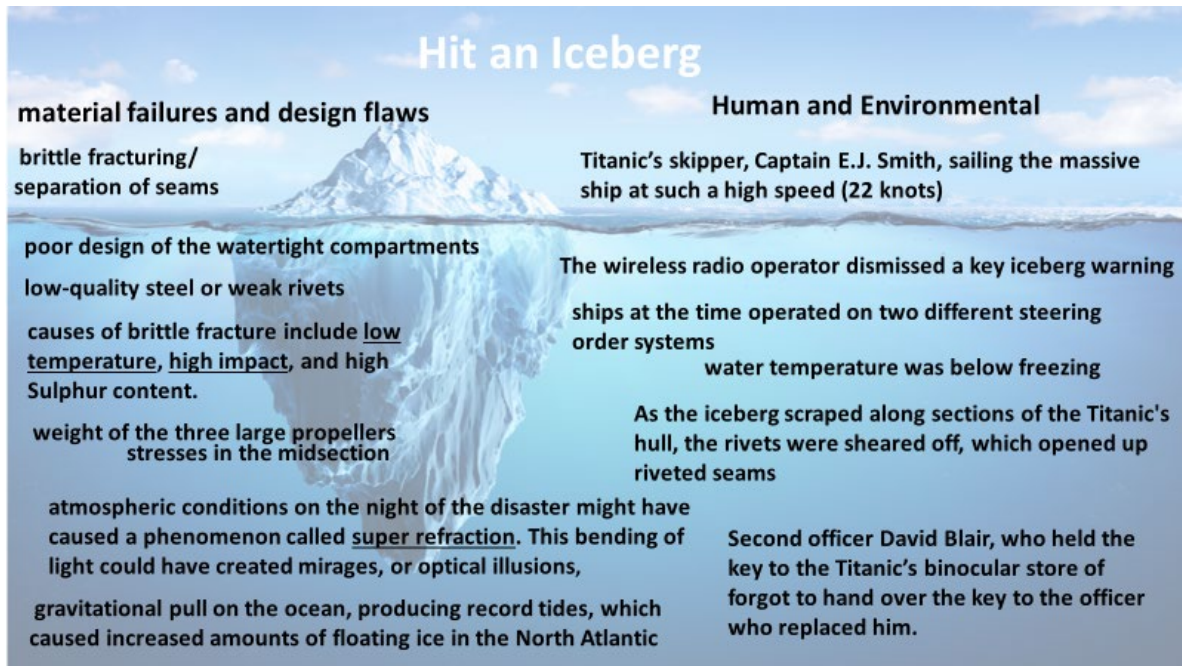


Why Did the Titanic Sink?

Most answers to this question confidently say "because it hit an iceberg". While this is true it is only a partial answer at best. Further questions such as "Why did it hit an iceberg?" "Why did that cause it to sink?" open up a dialectic path that provides a more intelligent, meaningful and scholarly explanation.



There were numerous reasons why the titanic sank, many of which were determined long before the ship set sail. They could broadly be divided into material and design failures, Human error and Environmental factors.

Employing the skills of Dialectic below enables us as scholars to find the truth and gain a better understanding of our world.

Dialectic

- engage critically,
 - actively listen,
 - use what is learned to further understanding,
 - look at multiple perspectives,
 - analyze and question.
- **Questioning**- *seeking answers*
 - **Devil's Advocacy**- *playing opposing position*
 - **Conversation**-*open ended sharing*
 - **Dialogue**-*discussion exploring a problem*
 - **Dialogic** – *probing challenging argument*
 - **Dialectic** – *investigating through reason to reach agreement*
 - **Debate** – *listening to multiple perspectives*

