

Summary of *Titanic*

directed by James Cameron

actors: Kate Winslet, Billy Zane, Leonardo DiCaprio

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This story takes place on the famous ship Titanic which sank in the Atlantic Ocean, near Nova Scotia, on April 15, 1912. The characters and the story are fictional, but they are in the non-fiction story of what happened to the ship called Titanic.

After winning a trip on the Titanic during a card game, poor American artist Jack Dawson met the formerly rich girl Rose DeWitt Bukater who was on her way to Philadelphia to marry her rich fiancé Caledon Hockley. Rose felt trapped by her situation. Her father had died recently and her family was running out of money. Rose's mother was forcing Rose to marry a rich man she didn't love. She went to the back deck of the ship and thought of suicide, but she was rescued by Jack. Because Jack rescued Caledon's fiancé, Caledon had to thank Jack by inviting him to have dinner at his table in the first class section of the ship. Rose quickly began to like Jack, and she found a way to spend time with him alone after the dinner. Soon she decided to break up with Caledon and stay with Jack after the ship's arrival in New York. Rose's mother and Caledon were angry about her change of plans, and Caledon was violently jealous. During this time, the ship hit an iceberg and began to sink. Rose survived, but Jack drowned in the ocean. Rose lived by herself without Caledon after this. In the movie, she was a very old lady telling her story to some modern explorers who were searching for valuable things from the sunken ship Titanic.

Titanic is also the story of mistaken confidence in technology. This is an example of the hubris of humanity. The Titanic was said to be the safest and greatest ship ever made, but it sank on its first voyage, and there were no plans for everyone to escape safely from the ship in case of an accident. One century later, in 2011, there was the famous disaster at Fukushima Dai-ichi. The disaster that happened there was supposed to be impossible, but it became the Titanic of the 21st century. It was a technology that was said to be the safest in the world.

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