

GET THE MESSAGE

LEVEL: KEY STAGE 2 WORKSHOP RATIONALE



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The story of Titanic, is at its simplest, a story of man's interaction with the sea. For as long as we have travelled on water we have struggled with the difficulty of communicating with those on land and in the boats that travel with us. Our safety has often relied on our ability to call for help or, in the case of sea battles, to synchronise our actions.

Over time man has developed a wide variety of techniques to allow improved standards of maritime communication and in the 'Get the Message' workshop pupils will be given the

opportunity to explore a number of these. They will look to the past and try out 3 methods of communicating at sea including 2 used on Titanic herself.

We have called this workshop 'Get the Message' in memory of the brave Marconi telegraph operators who stayed at their post until the point where their machinery no longer functioned, in order to continue sending distress calls and updates. Morse code operators do not use the words 'dot' and 'dash'; they say 'dit' and 'dah'.

KEY QUESTIONS

How did people in the past communicate over long distances particularly at sea?

What limitations did the various historical methods of maritime communication impose on their users?

SUGGESTED LEARNING INTENTIONS

Developing Pupils' Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities: pupils should be given opportunities to;

- Work together in groups
- Work collaboratively, involving the sharing of roles, resources etc.
- Become more self directed by managing their time etc.
- Compare and contrast how things have changed across and within more complex time frames.
- Use a variety of strategies to work together to explore the past.
- Participate in role play simulation and demonstrate empathy with the past

Pupils should be enabled to develop Talking and Listening skills in the following areas;

- Contribute comments, ask questions and respond to other's points of view.
- Communicate information, ideas and opinions.

Developing pupils' knowledge, understanding and skills: pupils should be enabled to explore;

- How they and others interact in the world.
- Interdependence of people and the environment and how this has been accelerated over time by advances in transport and communications.
- Our place in the universe.
- The effects of positive and negative changes globally and how we contribute to some of these changes.
- How developments in communication have impacted our world.

Pupils who take the 'Get the Message' workshop will leave Titanic Belfast with a richer understanding of one area of Titanic's story. They will have the opportunity to consider the pros, cons and limitations of the maritime communication methods used in the past after experimenting with their delivery. 'Get the Message' will encourage your pupils to put into correct perspective the modern communication methods they take for granted as part of their social life.