

## Topic: Titanic and Lusitania

Create at least three Writing Topic sentence starters to make possible thesis statements related to your topic.

Purpose	Possible Writing Topics	Possible Thesis Statement
Express and Reflect	Reflect on the sinkings of the Titanic and Lusitania	There were few differences between the Titanic and Lusitania tragedies. or The Titanic and Lusitania tragedies were strikingly similar
Inform and Explain	Explain the structural failure(s) that led to the sinking of the Titanic	The use of inferior rivets were the cause of the sinking of the Titanic
Evaluate and Judge	Evaluate the "women and Children First" policy	The women and Children First policy is unfair and outdated.
Inquire and Explore	Inquire how Ballard solved many of the mysteries about the Titanic's or Lusitania's last hours.	Robert Ballard's research solved the mystery of why the Lusitania sank so quickly. or Ballard's research solved the mystery of why the Titanic sank.
Analyze and Interpret	Analyze the actions of both captains (before, during, after) the sinkings	The actions of Captain Smith and Captain Turner were arrogant and misguided. or The decisions made by both Captain Smith and Captain Turner would not have changed the outcome of the tragedies.