



HISTORY BITES

LITTLE NIBBLES OF HISTORY

Wallace Hartley's Violin

This is the amazing story of Wallace Hartley and his violin aboard the RMS Titanic.

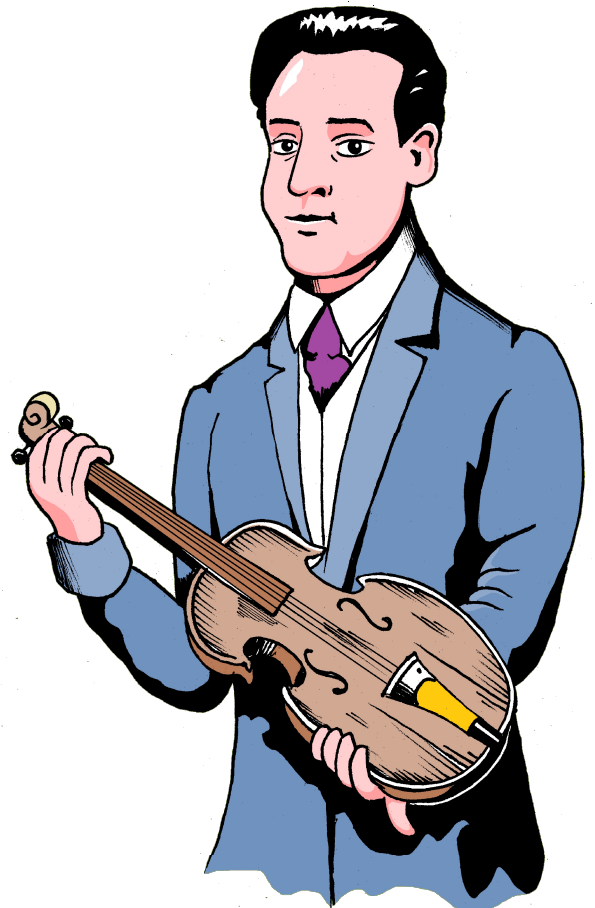
Wallace Hartley was a violinist on board the RMS Titanic when it hit an iceberg and sank on April 14th 1912.

As I am sure you know that he, along with his bandmates continued to play until the ship went down.

They say their final tune was "Nearer to My God To Thee" and it is claimed that his final words were

"Gentlemen, I bid you farewell".

Well in 2006 his violin was discovered!



It appears that as the ship was sinking, he put the violin into his leather bag, hoping he could use it as a float while he was in the water. Unfortunately, it didn't fit, the bow was too long. The result, his body was found 10 days later, along with the water damaged violin.

The violin was a gift from his fiancée Maria Robinson, so she requested it back and kept it.

In 2006 it was discovered in what would have been her attic by an amateur musician. It still had on it the plaque Maria had put on it before she gave it to him "For Wallace on the occasion of our engagement"

In 2013 it was put up for auction and was sold for \$1.7Million dollars!

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If you want to enjoy the story of the Titanic, we have a musical for you *THE SHIP OF DREAMS - The Voyage of the RMS Titanic*. It tells the story of the mighty Titanic, one the largest moving objects ever built, that sets sail on her maiden voyage. The passengers revel in her luxury, while waiting ahead in the dark, an unavoidable disaster looms.

You can download this 50-minute show at

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supplied ready to perform by 15 to 100 children with script, (including stage directions) historical Fact Sheets, Art Pack showing how to make the scenery, costumes, and props along with 24 MP3 files, being both performance and rehearsal tracks.

Enjoy our shows, as history matters!

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CLASSROOM ACTIVITY

Survivors Diary

MY DIARY

An account of the night of the 14th April 1912 and the sinking of the RMS TITANIC

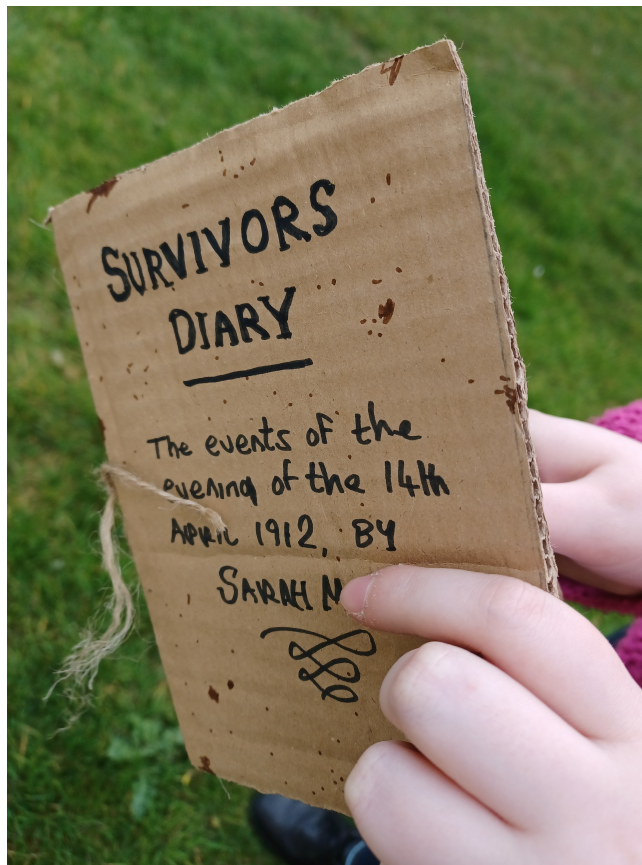
By Sarah Miles

Have your children create for themselves a survivors diary. Use a piece of A4 card folded in half, and add pages by folding A4 paper in half and use an elastic band to put pages into the diary. Pages can be stained with a tea bag in luke warm water for authenticity.

Survivors are cold, they are hungry, and have just been rescued by the RMS Carpathia. It is the morning of the 15th April 1912.

What would they feel? are they fretting over lost loved ones? Are they happy to be alive? or are they concerned they've lost their luggage?

Did they hear Wallace Hartley and his band as the mighty ship lipped beneath the waves?



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