



A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

DISCUSSION GUIDE #3

Encourage critical thinking and support your students' literacy development by asking questions during reading. Here are some questions you can ask your readers to engage them in a discussion.

CHAPTER 9:

"We're Going North Like Hell"

CHAPTER 10:

"Go Away—We Have Just Seen
Our Husbands Drown"

COMPREHENSION

- What do the *Carpathia*'s passengers notice that causes them to suspect something is wrong?
- When the CQD arrives from the *Titanic*, how far away is the *Carpathia*?
- Why does Captain Rostron tell his crew to keep quiet about the change in plans?
- The *Carpathia* is originally headed toward the warm waters of the Mediterranean. How is the ship able to change course and travel north so quickly to the disaster site of the *Titanic*?
- During his speech to the *Carpathia*'s crew, what does Chief Steward Hughes ask of each of his men?
- Why is it difficult for the *Carpathia* passengers to see the *Titanic* lifeboats in the search area?
- How do the passengers on Collapsible Boat B initially try to get the attention of the *Carpathia*? What do they do when that doesn't work?
- How do the newspapers handle the news? Why are there no updates from the *Carpathia* to the news outlets?
- What are some ways the *Carpathia* passengers try to help the survivors once they are on board?

ANALYSIS

- When the survivors are aboard the *Carpathia*, "hardly a word was spoken." Why is silence the dominant reaction? Why do you think people often remain silent when they experience or witness great tragedy?
- Consider Captain Rostron's response to the *Titanic*'s distress call, as well as his decision to keep the *Titanic* survivors on the *Carpathia* rather than transfer them to the *Olympia*. What motivates him in each of these moments, and was he effective? How would you evaluate his leadership abilities?

PERSONAL CONNECTION

- Throughout the rescue efforts, leaders make decisions, act swiftly, and remain in control. Describe a time when you, or someone you know, emerged as a leader. What was the impact?