



# A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

## POST-READING RESPONSE PROMPTS

After reading *A Night to Remember*, choose **five** of the following prompts to respond to.

A.	The sinking of the <i>Titanic</i> is well known. What was it like reading a book where you most likely already knew the outcome?
B.	Describe Captain Smith. Explain who he is, what happens to him, and why he’s important in the text. Use examples from the text to support your answer.
C.	Before its maiden voyage, the <i>Titanic</i> was referred to as “unsinkable.” What contributed to this narrative, and how did it affect the passengers’ reactions when the ship struck the iceberg and began sinking?
D.	People react differently during a crisis. Consider the passengers’ diverse behaviors when it was <i>first</i> revealed that the ship was sinking. Why do you think people acted the way they did? Choose <b>three</b> distinct individuals and provide a summary and analysis of each of their reactions. Be sure to represent a range of reactions to the tragedy.
E.	By today’s standards, safety measures were extremely inadequate on board the <i>Titanic</i> . How did safety regulations change after the sinking of the <i>Titanic</i> ? Use examples from the text to support your answer.
F.	Millionaire John Jacob Astor IV was the richest man on board the <i>Titanic</i> . How did his wealth and prestige influence his actions and decisions while aboard the luxury liner? Use examples from the text to support your response.
G.	A theme in <i>A Night To Remember</i> is hubris, or overconfidence, in technology. Explain <b>three</b> examples from the story that illustrate this theme.
H.	The author uses a minute-by-minute account from survivors to tell the tragic story of the <i>Titanic</i> 's first and only voyage. Describe the effect of this method of storytelling. Why do you think the author chose to tell the story this way?
I.	Imagine you are a first-class passenger aboard the <i>Titanic</i> before the iceberg strikes. Then imagine you are a third-class passenger. Describe your experiences on the luxury liner from these two perspectives. How does your experience differ depending on what class you were in?