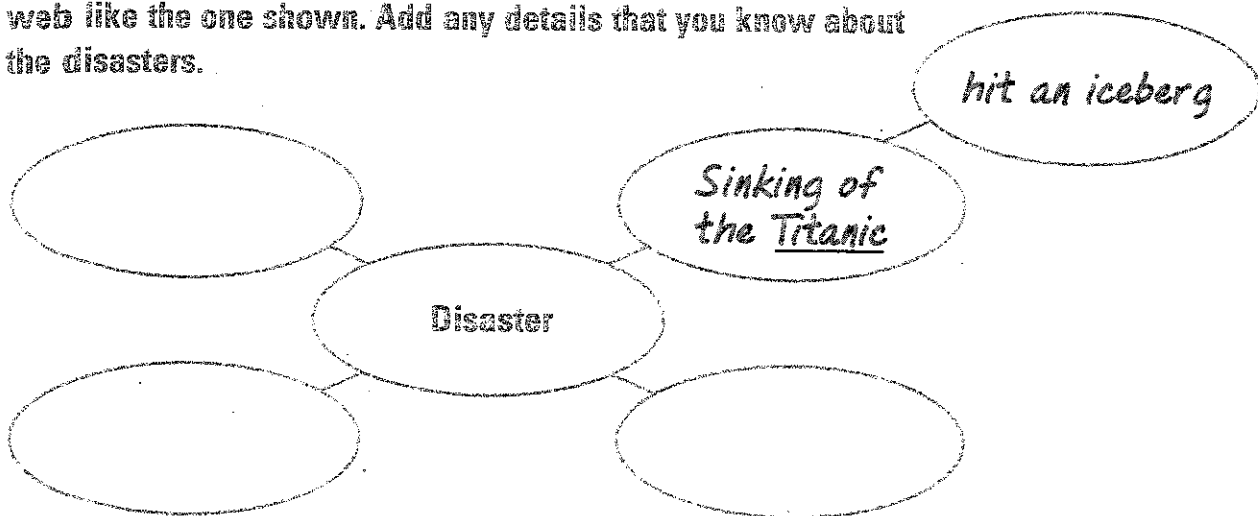


Before You Read

Connect to Your Life

The sinking of the great ship *Titanic* on April 14–15, 1912 shocked the world. What other large-scale disasters do you know about? Brainstorm with your classmates, and list the disasters in a web like the one shown. Add any details that you know about the disasters.



Key to the Informative Article

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? What do you know about the *Titanic* disaster? What would you like to know? Add to the chart below. Fill in the first two columns before you read. Fill in the last column after you have finished reading the selection.

What I Know About the <i>Titanic</i>	What I Want to Know	What I Learned
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