

**Ontario Comprehension Assessment—Grade 7 Exemplar: The Halifax Explosion Question 2, Level 1**

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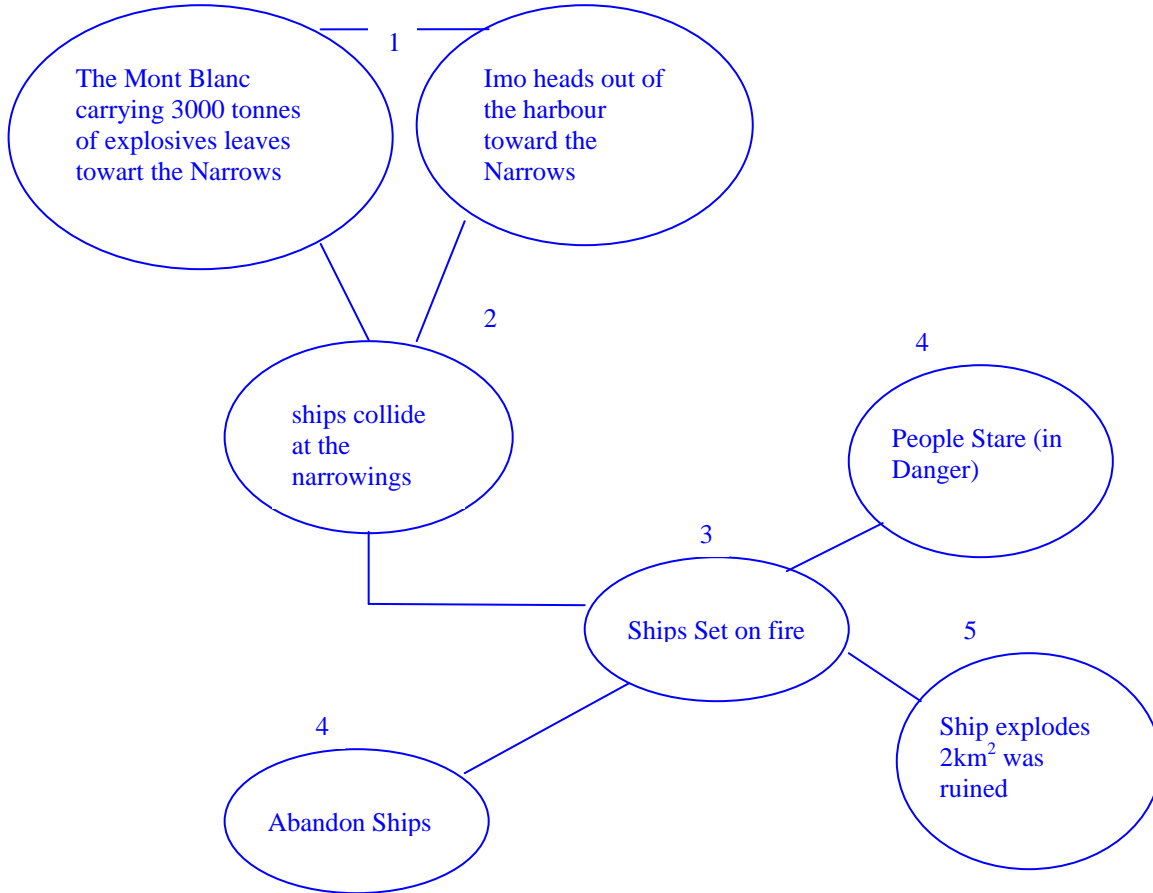
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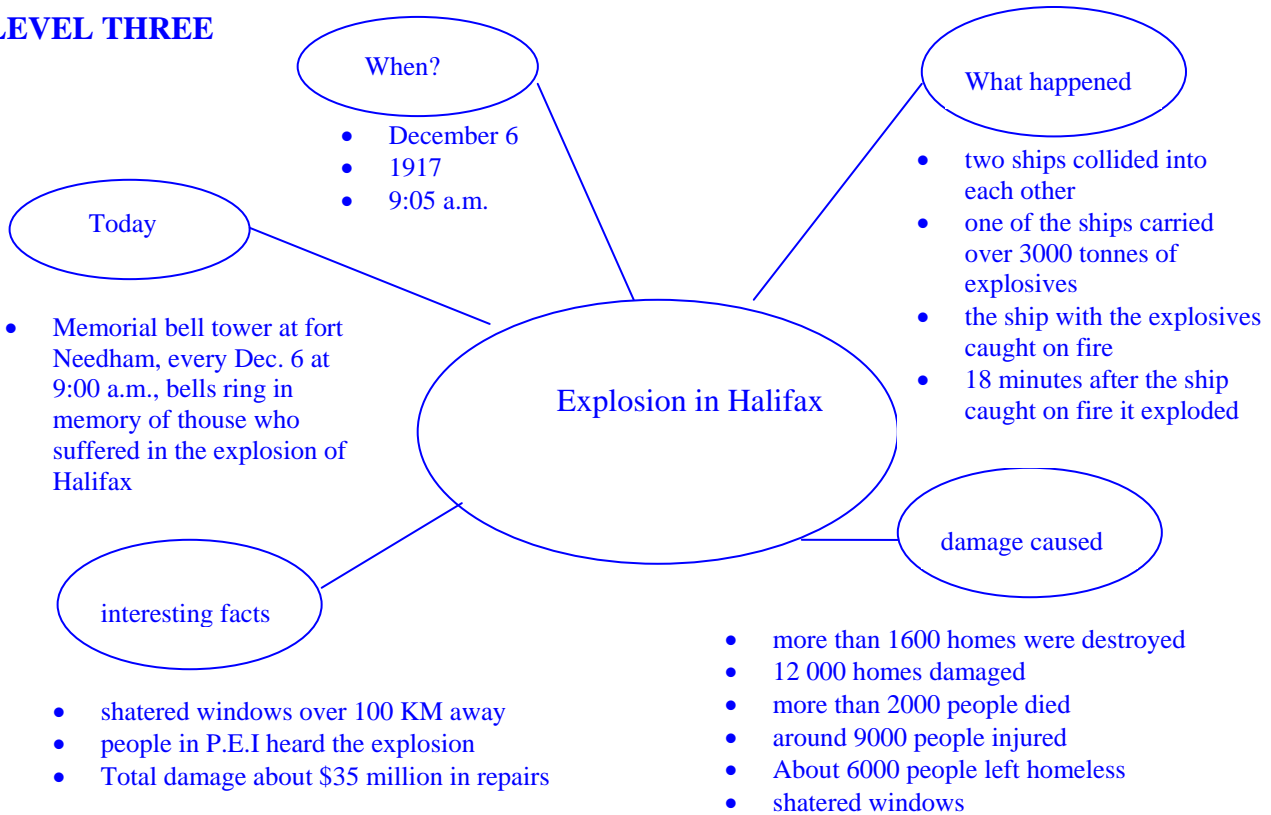
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**LEVEL FOUR**

**Environment**

- It was 1917, year of World War I, and Halifax was busy
- Had the biggest and most used port, so boats came and went frequently

**What Happened?**

- Mont Blanc coming in from France carrying 3000 tonnes of explosives collided with Imo going out of the harbour
- Imo struck Mont Blancs bow, setting it ablaze.

**Reactions**

- Mont Blanc's crew and captain abandoned the ship
- They thought it would explode but it came to rest at a pier
- Crowds got too close to the explosive ship

**Consiquences**

- At 9:05 the vessel exploded, destroying 2 square km of Halifax
- People were injured, killed, blinded, and left homeless
- Thousands of people were sent to help
- Doctors from Boston came as back-up

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