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LEVEL ONE

Example 1

I think that the story of the Titanic is widely known and documented while the Story of the Empress remains relatively unknown is because the Titanic was the first major tragedy in history, and after that people may have wanted to rid themselves of more tragedies.

Example 2

The Titanic hit an iceberg that could not seen. The Empress was hit by another ship in the fog.

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LEVEL TWO

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WWI happend 2 months after, so publicity was short. Also, Titanic had a movie and books about it.

Example 2

The Titanic is known more than the Empress because this happened during WWI and the Empress was forgotten emidiately. Nothing was going on during the disaster of the Titanic and lots of people died.

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LEVEL THREE

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I believe the story of the “Empress of Ireland” remains relatively unknown because only a couple of months after it sank, World War I began. Stories from the frontlines in Europe grabbed the public eye.

Example 2

The Titanic is widely known and documented because it was the world’s largest and longest ship at that time. It was known as the “unsinkable” ship. It had many famous people aboard as well.

Example 3

I believe the Titanic is widely known because it was known as the “unsinkable” ship and is and was a household name whereas the Empress was not. The Titanic also sank on its first journey in a large body of water such as the Atlantic.

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LEVEL FOUR

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The *Titanic* set out from England on its maiden voyage with many wealthy and important people aboard on an adventure on an ‘unsinkable’ ship. There was a lot of publicity about the size and amenities on the ship. Most people like to fantasize about the rich and famous. The *Empress* made regular trips from Quebec City to Liverpool and was lesser known.

Example 2

It says in the article that the story of the *Empress* was pushed off the front pages by the start of WWI. But I think that because so many people died on the *Empress*, there weren’t enough survivors who knew any details about the collision, so there was no story! Captain Kendall, who survived, probably didn’t want to talk about his part in the tragedy. For the *Titanic*, lots of people survived to give details about this sad but fascinating story. The Captain of the *Titanic* went down with his ship, which actually adds more spice to the story.

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