

MAURETANIA Magic

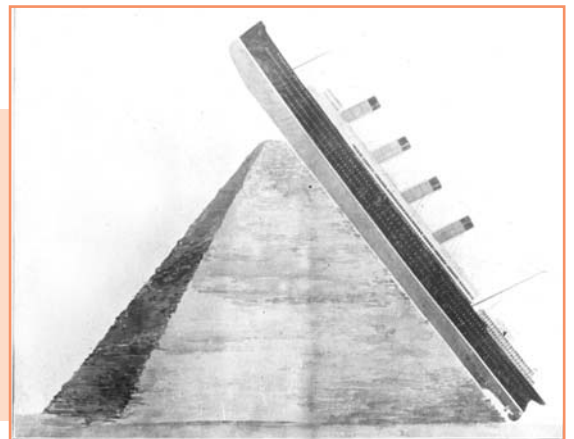
Background information for children

Mauretania was a liner, a type of ship that carried passengers. She was built right here in the North East of England, at Wallsend, in 1906. Mauretania was named after an ancient North African kingdom which existed in Roman times.

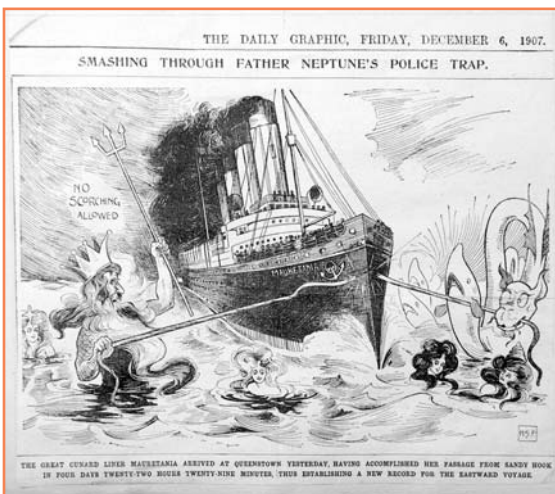
The Mauretania was a very special ship because:

She was so big

It was a real achievement to build such a big ship to such a high standard. The newspapers of the day celebrated this by comparing the Mauretania to famous buildings.



THE GREAT PYRAMID CONTRASTED WITH LUSITANIA AND MAURETANIA.
Great Pyramid, generally known as "The Splendid," was the mausoleum of the Great Egypt. The vertical height is 450 feet, and the base of the Pyramid covers an area of 13 acres.



She was so fast

The Mauretania was extremely fast for her size because engineers on Tyneside used the latest technology to power her engines. The Mauretania broke lots of speed records when she first started sailing the oceans.

She was so luxurious

Mauretania offered a luxury holiday for some people and a new life for others. The areas on the Mauretania reserved for rich passengers were beautifully decorated. Sailing on the liner was like living in a moving first class hotel. For poorer people conditions were much simpler. Many people sailed aboard the Mauretania to 'emigrate' from Europe to America and start a new life.





Can you believe it?

There was enough metal used in the construction of the Mauretania to build four Tyne Bridges and still have lots left over!

It would have been possible to fit two football pitches the size of those at St. James's Park or the Stadium of Light, onto the deck of the Mauretania and still have room for thousands of spectators!

The Mauretania's engines produced the same power as approximately 700 modern Ford Fiestas! The Model T Ford went into production two years after the Mauretania was built. The engines of the Mauretania produced the same power as approximately 3400 Model T's.