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sentence fragment; predicate only. Possible answer: Many passengers froze in the icy waters.

5. The ship's designer.
sentence fragment; subject only. Possible answer: The ship's designer died on the ship that night.

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sentence fragment; subject only. Possible answer: Crew members tried to help the passengers.

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