

JOSEPH H SCAMMELL SHIPWRECK

Background Information Guided Questions

- 1) What year was the ship built? What type of ship was it? How many masts did it have?
- 2) Where did the journey start? How long did it take to get to Torquay?
- 3) Name the lighthouses along this stretch of coastline
- 4) How many shipwrecks along this section of coastline were there after the Joseph H Scammell?
- 5) How many of these local wrecks was the ship going to Melbourne and how many departing Melbourne?
- 6) Which ship was the oldest and which was the youngest? How old were they?
- 7) Who was the Captain of the Joseph H Scammell? What happened to him?
- 8) When did the ship sink?
- 9) Why did this shipwreck occur?

- 10) What type of cargo was the Joseph H Scammell carrying?

- 11) How many passengers were on board? How many crew members? Were there any survivors?
- 12) Where were the survivors taken after they came ashore?
- 13) How many sightseers came to Torquay to look at the shipwreck?
- 14) What happened to the shipwreck?
- 15) Look at the photos, what are some of the artefacts from the shipwreck?
- 16) What are some important dates/events in the history of this ship?
- 17) What caused the shipwreck? Use the Worksheet - Compare and Contrast to identify the version of events from different people.
 - a. Captains view
 - b. Rescue boat account & others
- 18) Extra fun facts!

COMPARE & CONTRAST

THE POINTS OF VIEW ON HOW THE SHIP CAME TO GRIEF

Read the newspaper articles report on some different points of view about how the ship ran aground at Point Danger. Start with the Captain's account in the first column, then add other statements in the second column.

Read the newspaper and as you read complete the table below.

Use a highlight pen to identify which statements are the same or similar point of view.

Captain	Other

Now you have notes that show what did happen (the same) and what needs further investigation.