



Above: The *Charles Martel*, built for the French Navy in 1897 in response to the British naval construction program. She had an active service career of only 5 years before she had been surpassed by the rapid advancements in technology at the time. Photograph By Marius Bar. Public Domain, wikimedia curation id 93896746.

## *The Evolution of the Battleship*

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Following the Industrial Revolution, iron prices fell, and cannons firing explosive shells started to wreak havoc on sailing wooden warships. The race to build armoured ships that could withstand the pounding of the enemy's heaviest guns was on...

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