The War of the Worlds

Journal

Started on: ___________  Completed on: ___________

Should people worry about the unknown?
Plan Your Schedule

My group members are: ____________________________________________

We plan to read *The War of the Worlds* and meet on these dates:

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Our Exchange meeting will be on this date: ________________.
Prepare to Read

Think About What You Know

Tell about a science fiction story you have read or seen. What did you like about it? What didn’t you like?

| I liked | I didn’t like |

Preview and Predict

• Look at the front cover.
• Read the summary on the back cover.
• Read The Exchange question on the title page.
• Read page 3.

1. How would you feel if aliens invaded your community? Would you be curious or afraid? Why?

2. What do you think will happen when the Martians land? Will the humans be able to defend themselves?
Use a Reading Strategy

Use a Cause and Effect Chart

As you read each part of *The War of the Worlds*, use a Cause and Effect Chart to show what happened to the narrator and the town because of the Martians.

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Respond to Chapters 1–2

Cause and Effect Chart

Review what happened in Chapters 1 and 2. Write a cause and an effect from each chapter on the Chart on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Write the answers to these questions.

1. **Personal Response** The narrator was first excited and then scared by the Martians and the spaceships. How would you feel if you were there? What would you do?

2. **Analyze Persuasive Techniques** The narrator said that we should not judge the Martians even if they killed humans. Reread pages 4 and 5. How did he try to persuade us not to judge?

3. **Make Predictions** The Martians killed the first people that tried to communicate with them. Do you think this will continue? What might happen if it does or does not continue?
Respond to Chapters 3–5

Cause and Effect Chart

Review what happened in Chapters 3, 4, and 5. Add your causes and effects to the Chart on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Write the answers to these questions.

1. Personal Response Imagine that someone you knew very well told you they had seen Martians. Would you believe them? Why or why not? How would you react?

2. Confirm Predictions What was your prediction? Did the Martians continue to kill people? Write what happened.

3. Comparisons What were the differences in the way the Martians and the humans fought?
Respond to Chapters 6–8

Cause and Effect Chart

Review what happened in the chapters. Add to your Chart on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Write the answers to these questions.

1. **Personal Response** The narrator did not give up hope. He kept trying to escape the Martians. Think of a time you wouldn’t give up. What was it that made you continue?

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2. **Character** What was the narrator like? Would you like to have him with you during a disaster?

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3. **Setting** This story took place in England long ago. Look at the pictures on pages 46–47. How would the story be different if it took place today in a big city?

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Respond to Chapters 9–10

Cause and Effect Chart

Review what happened in the chapters. Add a cause and an effect to your Chart on Journal page 4.

Think It Over

Write the answers to these questions.

1. Personal Response  The narrator tried to comfort Henry and be positive about their situation. Has anyone ever helped you get through a disaster or hard time? Tell about it.

2. Comparisons  How were the Martians the same as humans? How were they different? What would you change about them to make them more like humans?

3. Suffixes  A suffix is a word part that comes at the end of a word. It can help you figure out what a word means. For example, -ly means “in this way.” Find safely on page 60. Henry and the narrator could leave the house in a safe way. Find quickly, perfectly, and slowly on pages 63–64. Explain how the machine and the creatures moved.
Respond to Chapters 11–14

Cause and Effect Chart


Think It Over

Write the answers to these questions.

1. **Personal Response**  The soldier tried to protect the people. Do you know anyone who has served in the armed forces? What does that person think about helping his or her country? Would you join the armed forces? Why or why not?

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2. **Narrator’s Point of View**  The reader hears everything that happens from the point of view of the main character. He tells the story in the first person, by using *I, we, and our*. Do you think that point of view is good for this story? Explain.

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3. **Comparisons**  The narrator thought about the future at the end of the story. Reread page 93. Compare his picture of the future to the world today.

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