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| **The War of the Worlds Questions** |
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| Chapter 1 – Book 1  1) What point of view is this story told from and how do you know? 2)  How is Mars, according to story, different than Earth? Name two differences. 3) Describe what the narrator and the astronomer see while observing mars through the telescope. 4) What century does this story take place? 5) Who is Ogilvy? 6)  Describe the concern of the people on Earth who observe these occurrences on Mars.  Chapter 2  7) What do the people on Earth at first contribute the coming of Martians as? 8) Describe the cylinder than lands. 9) While Ogilvy is observing the cylinder, what is happening to it? 10)What does Ogilvy do after observing this?  Chapter 3  11) Why does Ogilvey want the narrator to go get Lord Hilton?  Chapter 4  12) What happened to the shop assistant? 13) What first comes out of the cylinder? 14) Describe the Martians.  Chapter 5  1) What does the Deputation do? 2) What happens to a scattered group of onlookers? 3) What does the narrator do?  Chapter 6  4) Explain the narrator’s view of how the heat ray worked. 5) How many people were massacred on the first night of the attack?  Chapter 7  6) According to the narrator, why is it impossible forMartians to establish themselves on Earth. Name 2 ways.  Chapter 8  7) True or False – A light ray occasionally swept the common. 8) What are the Martians doing? 9) Who arrives on the scene? 10) What falls from the sky?  Chapter 9  1) Where did cylinder 2 land? 2) Name 2 ideas that the soldiers have for fighting the Martians. 3) What happened to Ogilvy? 4) Why does the narrator feel that he and his wife cannot stay at their home? 5) Where do they go? 6) Why does the narrator go to the Spotted Dog? 7) What are the hussars doing? 8) What is happening with the aliens now? 9) Describe the narrator’s transportation.  Chapter 10  10) How is the narrator’s wife handling this situation? Describe her frame of mind. 11) What does the narrator do after arriving at Leatherhead? 12) Describe the narrator’s state of mind. 13) Where does he go after Leatherwood? 14) What is the green fire that the narrator sees? 15) Describe the weather. 16) Describe the Martian. 17) What happened to the horse and horse cart? 18) Who is the dead man whom the narrator comes across? 19) Where is the narrator at the end of Chapter 10?  Chapter 11  20) Name 2 things the narrator observes from the window of the study. 21) Who does the narrator invite into his house? 22) Are the tripods the Martians or merely machines that hold the Martians?23) What was the soldier’s role in the attack? 24) How does the soldier manage to survive the attack?  Chapter 12  25) What country does this take place in? (Infer from cities mentioned.) 26) What does the narrator plan to do next? 27) Give the description of Martians that the artilleryman gives the lieutenant. 28) Describe the happenings in Weybridge when the narrator and the artilleryman get there. 29) How many Martians now approach Weybridge? 30) What does the narrator do for protection? 31) What small victory occurs? 32) What becomes of the fallen Martian?  Chapter 13  1) How often are cylinder reinforcements arriving? 2) What do the Martians take time out to do? 3) Who awakens the narrator? 4) What is this person’s state of mind? 5) What is his explanation for this disaster? 6) What is a heliograph signaling?  Chapter 14  7) How does the type of narration change? Explain why you do or do not think this is effective. 8) Explain the attitude of the Londoners to the initial news of the Martians. What causes this attitude to change?  Chapter 15  9) Describe the Martians’ war strategy and method of communication. 10) Describe the vapor that emits from the Martians’ canisters and explain its impact on the people. 11) \*Activity: On the back of this paper, sketch your impression of a Martian.  Chapter 16  12) Describe the exodus fromLondon. 13) Who does the narrator’s brother assist in the flight from London? How is this beneficial to all of them? 14) Explain what happens to the eagle-faced man with the bag of money. Why do you think this happens? How would up characterize him?  Chapter 17  1) How many cylinders have now fallen? What do you think happened to the fifth? 2) Tell what the narrator’s brother finds when he reaches the coast. How do he and the women escape? 3) Predict: Will the narrator’s brother survive? Why or why not?  Chapter 1, Book 2  4) Where does the fifth cylinder land? What effect does this have on the narrator and curate? Write a metaphor or simile that expresses how you think the two men feel.  Chapter 2, Book 2  5) Describe the Martian fighting machines and their occupants. 6) How do the Martians feed? To what does Wells compare this? 7) Identify the three physiological differences between men and Martians. Which do you think will have the most impact on the Martians?  Why? 8) Activity: Draw a Martian based on the description. 9) Activity: Devise an escape plan for the two men.  Chapters 3-6, Book 2  1) Characterize the curate and explain why the narrator dislikes him. Which of the curate’s negative traits do you think is the most damaging? Do you think the narrator’s complaints are valid? Why or why not? 2) Explain how the incompatibility of the narrator and the curate leads to disaster. 3) What causes the narrator to despair for the first time? What does this cause him to do? 4) Explain the narrator’s “sense of dethronement.” How would you feel if you emerged from captivity to face a world such as the narrator finds? 5) What does the narrator encounter after his escape? 6) What is the red weed? Why do you think it is significant? 7) Prediction: Where are the Martians? What will happen to the narrator?  Book 2, Chapters 7-8 Questions  1) What three things struggle for possession of the narrator’s mind? Which of these do you think would be the hardest to deal with? 2) Who does the narrator meet at Wimbledon Common? What does he tell the narrator? What results from this encounter? 3) What does the soldier plan to do? What flaws does the narrator detect in his plan? Explain why you do or do not think the soldier’s survival plan is feasible. 4) What does the narrator discover as he travels toLondon? How does he react? 5)  Prediction: Will the narrator find his wife? 6)  Activity: Find and attach pictures and descriptions ofLondon at the end of WWII. Write a one- to three-sentence comparison between these pictures and the scene described in the book.  Book 2, Chapters 9 & 10 Questions  1)  How does the world respond to news of the Martians’ demise andEngland’s devastation? Identify other major disasters and describe how the world responded. 2) What has happened to Leatherhead? How do you think this makes the narrator feel? 3) What does the narrator find when he returns to his home? Explain why you do or do not think this is plausible. 4) Explain the narrator’s emotions and his concerns after the ordeal ends.  5) Activity: Write a short poem beginning with the line, “Ghosts of the past linger…” |