THE
WAR OF
THE WORLDS
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## TIMELESS CLASSICS

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A. Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle. Answers are words from Chapter 1.

ACROSS
2. too proud or conceited
7. a person or animal living in a certain place

DOWN
1. plant life
3. low in quality or value
4. not clear or strong; weak
5. to move in a large group
6. the rate of speed at which someone or something is moving

B. Circle a word to correctly complete each sentence.

1. Ogilvy showed me three (brilliant/faint) points of light.

2. The points of light were (falling/hurtling) through space.

3. We were being studied, just as we study creatures (swarming/touring) in a drop of water.

4. Across the (gulf/gap) of space, other minds were at work.

5. How could we on Earth be so (vain/concerned) and self-important?

6. Our own planet was green with (legislation/vegetation).

7. The cold had become a problem for the (inhabitants/nourishment).

8. They were moving at a (race/pace) of many miles a second.

9. The Martians must see us as (superior/inferior) animals.
COMPREHENSION CHECK

Circle a letter to show how each sentence should be completed. Hint: In one sentence, both choices are correct.

1. The planet Mars was
   a. becoming too hot.       b. slowly cooling.

2. The Martians saw people on Earth as
   a. animals.                b. microscopic.

3. For years, the Martians had been
   a. preparing to take over our planet. b. destroying other planets.

4. For 10 nights, people on Earth
   a. saw red flashes from Mars.     b. heard signals from Mars.

5. People on Earth didn’t know
   a. there was intelligent life on Mars. b. life on Mars had died out years ago.

6. The Martians wanted
   a. to occupy a new planet.       b. to use humans as slaves.

7. The Martian population was
   a. growing older.                b. growing too large.

8. Planet Earth was being
   a. studied by the Martians.           b. singled out as a place to attack.

9. It turned out that Martians were
   a. more intelligent than humans.       b. afraid of the dark.

10. People on Earth had no idea that
    a. the Martians might be a threat.     b. the Martian attack had been canceled.

11. The narrator of the story was
    a. a writer.                       b. an astronomer.
THE WAR OF THE WORLDS • CHAPTER 2

WORDS AND MEANINGS

NAME ___________________________________________ DATE __________________________

A. Circle the hidden words. They may go up, down, across, backward, or diagonally. Check off each word as you find it.

___ METEORITE ___ ROSE
___ CYLINDER ___ BULK
___ ASTOUNDED ___ RECALL
___ WRIggLED ___ MASS
___ PEDDLER ___ DREAD
___ MOUND ___ NOTED

B. Use words from the puzzle to complete the sentences.

1. The next morning, Ogilvy ___________________ with the idea of finding the shooting star.

2. Ogilvy’s ___________________ friend telegraphed the news to London.

3. A grayish ___________________, about the size of a bear, was rising out of the cylinder.

4. A ___________________ was selling green apples and ginger beer.

5. Many thought that another ___________________ had crashed to Earth.

6. Ogilvy couldn’t ___________________ hearing any birds that morning.

7. Something within the ___________________ was unscrewing the top!

8. I was nearly overcome with disgust and ___________________.

9. The tentacle ___________________ in the air toward me.