**The War of the Worlds – Key quotes to learn**

**Book one, Chapter 1, The Eve of the War**

“No one would have believed in the last years of the nineteenth century that this world was being watched keenly and closely”

“that as men busied themselves about their various concerns they were scrutinised and studied”

“almost as narrowly as a man with a microscope might scrutinise the transient creatures that swarm and multiply in a drop of water”

“Yet across the gulf of space, minds that are to our minds as ours are to those of the beasts that perish”

“intellects vast and cool and unsympathetic”

“slowly and surely drew their plans against us…”

“Yet so vain is man, and so blinded by his vanity”

“The immediate pressure of necessity has brightened their intellects … and hardened their hearts”

“The Tasmanians were entirely swept out of existence … by European immigrants”

**Book One, Chapters 5 & 6 The Heat Ray**

“It was sweeping round swiftly and steadily, this flaming death, this invisible, inevitable sword of heat”

“The little group of black specks with the flag of white had been swept out of existence”

“It came to me that I was upon this dark common, helpless, unprotected, and alone. Suddenly, like a thing falling upon me from without, came-Fear”

“Such an extraordinary effect in unmanning me it had that I ran weeping silently as a child might do”

“They must have bolted as blindly as a flock of sheep”

“two women and a little boy, were crushed and trampled there, and left to die amid the terror and the darkness”

**Book One, Chapter 7 – The Narrator and his wife**

(when he tries to tell her about the martians she limits herself saying) “Don’t Dear”

(to calm her down) ‘I pressed her to take wine’

**Book One, Chapter 16 – Saving Mrs and Miss Elphinstone**

“He came upon them just in time to save them”

“One of the ladies, a short woman dressed in white, was simply screaming”

“My brother immediately grasped the situation”

“being an expert boxer”

“the slender lady very pluckily pulled up and returned to his help”

“"Take this!" said the slender lady, and she gave my brother her revolver”

**Book Two, Chapter 3 (trapped in the ruined house when the cylinder has hit it)**

“Practically he had already sunk to the level of an animal”

**Book Two, Chapter 4 (trapped in the ruined house)**

“he made a feeble effort to get at the food”

“he weeping and complaining”

“his noisy babbling to himself”

 “my sole companion in this close and sickly darkness was a man insane”

{Narrator says about the Curate} “his vacant sham of God's service, such as made me pity him”

“I was fierce with fear”

“With one last touch of humanity I turned the blade back and struck him with the butt”

**Book Two,Chapter 7 (the narrator has just met up with the artilleryman again).**

“the imaginative daring of the artilleryman”

 “the tone of assurance and courage he assumed”

“I had my first inkling of the gulf between his dreams and his powers”

“I turned his project over in my mind”

**Book Two, Chapter 8 – Dead London**

“London about me gazed at me spectrally. The windows in the white houses were like the eye sockets of skulls”

“An insane resolve possessed me. I would die and end it”

“I saw that a multitude of black birds was circling and clustering about the hood. At that my heart gave a bound”

“slain, after all man's devices had failed, by the humblest things that God, in his wisdom, has put upon this earth”

“by virtue of this natural selection of our kind”

“directly these invaders arrived, directly they drank and fed, our microscopic allies began to work their overthrow”