



*Orson Welles'*  
*War of the Worlds Revisited*  
*1938*

**Fill in the blanks Exercise  
with key**

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# The War of the Worlds

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the bank at the bottom of the page.

\_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 \_\_\_\_\_ stories about hoaxes are told, \_\_\_\_\_  
 know that \_\_\_\_\_ impact hoaxes make is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in order to tell a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ So \_\_\_\_\_ sounds a  
 \_\_\_\_\_ dramatic to say  
 \_\_\_\_\_ one million \_\_\_\_\_ panicked  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1938, \_\_\_\_\_ the truth is  
 \_\_\_\_\_ it was probably only a few thousand.

### Word Bank:

people better way exaggerated that familiar story. lot but that  
 in which more it often I the Being

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## Part 2

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the bank at the bottom of the page.

\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ media  
 reported every incident of anomalous behavior that night  
 \_\_\_\_\_ evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ panic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ speeding car, every suicide,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ whether or  
 not it \_\_\_\_\_ anything to do  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the panic at all.

### Word Bank:

actually loud with a I as (i.e. the had every behavior),  
 suspect all

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## Part 3

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the bank at the bottom of the page.

\_\_\_\_\_ really \_\_\_\_\_ some chaos in  
\_\_\_\_\_ mill, where the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ to have occurred, but  
that's because a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ people drove  
\_\_\_\_\_ Grover's Mill \_\_\_\_\_ hearing the  
\_\_\_\_\_ they \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ might be hosting some kind of event there...  
in other words, they \_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_ party, \_\_\_\_\_ panicking.

### Word Bank:

not CBS broadcast Grover's thought because main a searching  
There panic after were was into said young

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## 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the bank at the bottom of the page.

Most \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ out to have \_\_\_\_\_ from  
\_\_\_\_\_ newspaper reports about it, \_\_\_\_\_  
from direct first-hand experience.

### Word Bank:

the come reading not recollections panic turn

### The War of the Worlds Part 1

#### Answer Key:

Being familiar with the way in which stories about hoaxes are told, I know that the impact hoaxes make is often exaggerated in order to tell a better story. So it sounds a lot more dramatic to say that one million people panicked in 1938, but the truth is that it was probably only a few thousand.

### The War of the Worlds Part 2

#### Answer Key:

I suspect that the media reported every incident of anomalous behavior that night as evidence of a panic (i.e. every speeding car, every suicide, all loud behavior), whether or not it actually had anything to do with the panic at all.

### The War of the Worlds Part 3

#### Answer Key:

There really was some chaos in Grover's mill, where the main panic was said to have occurred, but that's because a lot of young people drove into Grover's Mill after hearing the broadcast because they thought CBS might be hosting some kind of event there... in other words, they were searching for a party, not panicking.

### The War of the Worlds Part 4

#### Answer Key:

Most recollections of the panic turn out to have come from reading newspaper reports about it, not from direct first-hand experience.