

**The insignificance of humans**

Throughout the first chapter of the novel we are given many clues by H G Wells that humans' concerns were trivial and that they had become complacent (were not bothered or were unafraid) about potential threats to their survival.

1. Read chapter 1 if you have not done so already.
2. Using the title, 'What impression is given of humans in chapter 1?' discuss your initial (first) ideas with a partner and make notes of any words or phrases that seem particularly pertinent (relevant or to the point)
3. Skim and scan through the chapter to pick out evidence that helps you prove you are right. You might want to choose a few words or phrases that you think summarise your ideas and then try to find quotations that link to those words.
4. Show your ideas in a diagram or illustration, like the example below:

