Film Title: War of the Worlds 1953
Narrative Analysis

What event is the main disruptive force?
- The aliens arrive (happens very soon in terms of screen time), by meteorites and disrupt the life of the town folk. The army is called and the aliens sweep them aside and the world is in jeopardy.

Describe the equilibrium:
- A small community going about their everyday lives

What event restores equilibrium?
- The aliens dying from bacteria and Dr Clayton finds his love & Sylvia alive in a church

Describe the forces in the narrative:

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<th>Plot (Events)</th>
<th>Aliens crash land. Aliens defeat the army. The girl is lost and the hero finds her at the end for a fairytale ending. Micro Organisms Defeat the Martians</th>
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<td>Characters &amp; Their Needs</td>
<td>Dr Clayton – needs the girl and to defeat the Martians through science Sylvia – Needs protection and wants to escape from the Martians (very passive) Pastor – wants to talk to the aliens to reason with them (but is killed by them). The Army / Government – needs to protect America and the world at large from the Martian attack The Aliens want to mercilessly wipe out humanity in their mission to colonise The Earth</td>
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<td>Conflict(s)</td>
<td>Forrester vs The Aliens. The US Army vs The Aliens. Science &amp; Technology vs Religion(God) &amp; Nature</td>
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<td>Settings</td>
<td>Rural America &amp; a tight knit traditional American community The Battle Field The Shattered City A Church</td>
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Describe the equilibrium and themes evident.
- The smallest things can be the most powerful.
- You don’t realise what you have until you’ve lost it.
- God saves us.

Are we aware of a storyteller? Do we trust them?
- Yes the narrator at the beginning introduced the theme of military might and World Wars. Suggests a different type of war is coming of ‘Super Science’
- Also delivers the main theme in the denouement – ‘“that God in His wisdom put on The Earth.’

What do the protagonists do to try and restore equilibrium?
- The hero & the army tries to defeat the aliens and stop them from killing all of humanity.
- The main character (Dr Clayton) tries to protect “the girl” (Sylvia), of the film and come up with a scientific solution that will defeat The Martians. However, really he just commentates on the Martian technology and witnesses the army’s failure