

Themes:

Waldrop's "Night of the Cooters"

- Pride (Texan pride)
- "Grit" & adaptation
- Community matters
- Fear of the unknown
- Realism: using their pride and level heads to avoid panic
- Localism v. Globalism (Sheriff's remark about London)

Welles' Broadcast

- Power of media (how folks fell for the broadcast)
- Humans not invincible b/c of pride
- Importance of tech for spreading information
- Fallen Scientist & survivalist National Guardsman (ready to live underground)
- Making the morally correct choice
- American idea that "I may no longer be able to win but you can still lose"
- Panic of New York