“The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street”

OPEN RESPONSE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER

Consider the message that Rod Serling, the author of “The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street,” presents at the conclusion of the teleplay:

“The tools of conquest do not necessarily come with bombs and explosions and fallout. There are weapons that are simply thoughts, attitudes, prejudices - to be found only in the minds of men. For the record, prejudices can kill and suspicion can destroy, and a thoughtless, frightened search for a scapegoat has a fallout all of its own for the children...”

Using the MICE graphic organizer, decide on three arguments that you could prove from the teleplay. Select three pieces of evidence from the teleplay to support your reasoning.

Prompt:

How can thoughts and prejudices be as harmful as bombs and explosions?