

Paradise Lost - Book II

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Answer the following questions during the notes/lecture:

How is Satan's throne described? What is the significance of it in relation to his character?

Who are the rebels in Hell and what do they suggest in the aftermath of the war with Heaven?

What is Satan's plan and why is it his goal? How does Hell decide what to do?

Reading on Book II - Satan & The Gates of Hell

Answer the following questions while/after reading and annotating the section of Book II.

How does Milton describe the Gates of Hell? *Use a quote to support your explanation* and state whether the description matches your prior knowledge/expectations.

Satan encounters two formidable shapes at the Gates. How is their appearance described? *Use at least one quote* to support the description of *each* shape.

By using the word *Cerberian* (line 655), what literary element is Milton using? How does this description establish a connection with other works?

The “grieslie terror” (line 704) threatens Satan at the Gates, telling him to go back into Hell. Summarize the standoff and how it is resolved.

How and from whom is Sin born? What are the gendered features of Sin’s Personification?

How and from whom is Death born? What did Death do upon being born?

Summarize what Satan says to Sin and Death which lets him go past the Gates of Hell. *Use at least one quote from the poem to support your explanation.*

After the Gates of Hell are opened, Satan observes Chaos. Summarize the description of Chaos as Milton described it and *use at least one quote from the poem to support your explanation.*