

John Milton

1. What is Milton's claimed purpose in writing *Paradise Lost*?
2. What has Milton's *Paradise Lost* to do with the political situation of his time?
3. In which ways is *Paradise Lost* an epic?
4. Satan was taken to be a hero by the Romantics. Do you agree that Satan is a hero?
5. What is an epic simile? Cite an example.
6. What are the definitions given to Hell in *Paradise Lost*?
7. In Book I there appears a catalogue of devils. Can you explain Milton's use of this catalogue?
8. Satan is an eloquent leader. Can you analyze some of his speeches?
9. How does Satan and Beelzebub encourage the defeated Devils to revenge?
10. Describe what happens at the Gates of Hell, and explain the symbolic meanings here.