

## Paradise Lost, Book II

1. Circle every period, exclamation point, and question mark in Book I. This will help you identify the main message between these punctuation breaks.
2. In each passage **in which something new happens** briefly summarize what happened.
3. There will be numerous words that you don't recognize in Book II. Below, write 12 words you don't know and their definitions (as used in the poem). Highlight them in the passage and write their meaning in the margin.

Word	Definition	Word	Definition

4. Milton often refers to historical and literary places, events, and people when describing certain characters and scenes in *Paradise Lost*. Identify one reference in Book II. Explain how Milton's use of that reference adds meaning or vividness to what he is describing.

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5. As Book II opens, Satan opens a debate about what to do now. What are some of the suggestions from these demons, and what is the rationale behind their suggestions?

Moloch: \_\_\_\_\_

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Belial: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mammon: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you think Satan and Beelzebub may have conspired to win the argument about what to do? Do you think Satan put Beelzebub up to making his suggestion? Or was Beelzebub was trying to trap Satan? State your view, and support it from the text, with line numbers.

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7. How many gates of Hell does Satan find, and what are they made of? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Who are the two creatures guarding the gates? Describe them: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Milton uses common nouns as names of his characters, much the same as John Bunyan did in *The Pilgrim's Progress*. How are these characters identified?

Chaos: \_\_\_\_\_

Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Confusion: \_\_\_\_\_

Discord: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Is Satan the protagonist or the antagonist in this epic? Choose one answer and show how the text supports your answer.

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