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Reading question 1-3 Paradise lost

Reading questions 1

1. So, if invoke means to do something for someone else and that person your doing it for has authority and muse means a type of god. Milton thinks he is writing things that actually happened. Milton intends to write and be inspired by the holy spirit. This obviously did not happen, maybe being blind physically (when writing this novel) changed his perspective on this.

*Claiming inspiration by the holy spirit falsely is a big deal in scripture. This sin is punishable by death. It is possible that Milton really believed his writings were the inspired word of god.*

2. Satan wants to make his hell a new heaven. He says he would rather rule in hell than submit to God in heaven. He builds his army. He also says he is sorry for the men who have to suffer. The poem describes Satan as courageous proud and scared.

*Is Satan hero of the poem? Satan is a warrior who is defeated in the body but not spirits. He is brave, determined and unrepentant.*

Reading questions 2

1. Outside the gates of hell is chaos and night this is something Milton borrows from classical mythology. Maybe heaven being hung or connected to the earth with a gold chain is also a classical mythology.

*He borrows from the classical mythology epic similes, rivers in hades, monsters in hades. The idea of eternal chaos in hell. Borrows from legend Athena in his description of birth of sin he adds his own birth of death.*

2. Satan wants to bring sin to the world. He knows he can't attack God so he goes after tempting Gods creation man.

*Satan is being Nobel he is a leader he refuses to let his men take risks that he himself will not take. Je volunteers to do the hard, difficult, dangerous task and lets them all stay behind safety.*

Reading questions 3

1. Some of the theological problems with this reading is Milton believes his writings are the inspired word of god and that he puts conversations of God and Christ talking.

*Writing god in story as a character. Putting words into God's mouth inserting conversations between the father and the son. He talks about predestination and free will goes back and forth from unorthodox and orthodox. Also, God asking an angle to volunteer and save man is very unbiblical.*

2. The striking parallel between Satan and Christ is they are both trying to save their people. Both leaders are both courageous and brave.

*Satan steps up after a long pause of time Christ also does the same thing in heaven this is a problem because he puts Satan and Christ on the same plane. Milton is making Satan a hero is some sorts.*