John Milton's *Paradise Lost* is one of the most important literary works in the English language. Published in 1667, it has been a landmark of poetic literature for more than 350 years. Based on the account in *Genesis* of Adam and Eve, their creation, fall, and banishment from Eden, it tells a complex story of God, Satan, angels, man and woman. Its purpose, Milton said, was to "justify the ways of God to men."

*Paradise Lost* is not only a masterpiece of blank verse; it also contains such a rich narrative far exceeding that of *Genesis* as to become in the history of Christianity almost equal in importance to scripture itself. It is a work of epic dimensions and grand poetic imagination.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Any edition with line numbers may be used since passages will be referred to by book and line numbers which are uniform in all editions.


For the first class, please read Books I and II, and also *Genesis* chaps. 1-3 from the Bible.

Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at [https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks](https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks) using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.
## WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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*Paradise Lost*, Books I-II:  
The infernal council in Hell and the decision to corrupt humankind. |
| Wk. 2: Wed., June 30 | *Paradise Lost*, Books III-IV  
The Father and the Son look down from heaven; Satan journeys to Eden. |
| Wk. 3: Wed., July 7  | *Paradise Lost*, Books V-VI  
War in heaven: the discourse of Raphael to Adam and Eve. |
| Wk. 4: Wed., July 14 | *Paradise Lost*, Books VII-VIII  
Raphael relates God's creation of the world and the first man and woman. |
| Wk. 5: Wed., July 21 | *Paradise Lost*, Books IX-X  
The Fall and its consequences. |
| Wk. 6: Wed., July 28 | *Paradise Lost*, Books XI-XII  
Exile from Eden; vision of the future of humankind. |

Students will receive an invitation to join the Graham School Student Community Canvas Site, a place to read announcements, have discussions, ask questions, and find resources.

### DISABILITY INFORMATION

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