

Paradise Lost Research Assignment

Your Task: As a group, you will research one of the following: Milton's life; Milton's body of work; Protestant Reformation; 17th century England. You will create a portion of a PowerPoint presentation that will become part of a class PowerPoint presentation. As your portion of the presentation appears, you will explain your slide(s).

Guidelines for slides:

- Your slide layout should include a title at the top, text on the left, and, if necessary, an image on the right.

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Text & Clip Art

You can click to add clip art

- Do not select any background colors, etc. Remember that this will become part of a larger PowerPoint.
- Your title should clearly identify the topic of your research. The text should include the following:
 - The most significant information that you found;
 - In-text citations (use the *BHS Handbook*); be sure to site each bullet point, if appropriate. If all of the information on a single slide is from the same source, the citation can appear at the bottom of the slide (see example).
- Include a Works Cited slide at the end of your group's presentation (use the *BHS Handbook*).

Here is an example of a power point slide.

17th Century England

- Political conflict surrounding issues of royal absolutism versus parliamentary or popular sovereignty
- civil war (1642–60)
- overthrow of monarchical government
 - trial and execution of King Charles I January 1649

(Norton n.pag)

Guidelines for your commentary:

- Briefly summarize the information for which you are responsible. Focus on the key information about your topic. Details can be presented orally. PowerPoint presentations are not intended to include the details, only main ideas.
- Each group member should be responsible for part of the research. You may decide as a group who will create the slides.
- Your group should have no fewer than four sources. Only one may be a web site. You should look for books and database articles for the remaining four sources. You may have additional web sites if you decide to look beyond the four required sources.
- It is best to have an outline before you so that you will not forget key facts, ideas, names, etc. How polished and accurate you are will be reflected in your score.
- Your presentation should be smooth. Before you come to class, you will decide who is responsible for speaking, and when.
- How well you and your group work together will influence your score. Be prepared.