Utopia — General Outline

Book I: The Dialogue of Counsel

Setting the Stage

Opening of the Discussion

The Meeting at Cardinal Morton's House

Hypothetical Meeting of the French Council

The Council for Financial Affairs

Morus Debates Public Service with Hythloday

Book I represents the negative side of the picture which More intends to create: the statement of what is strong with "civilization" in his time. A few incidental references comparing the state of affairs in contemporary Europe with the manners and government of a nation on a remote island allied Utopia leads into the discussion in the second book.

Book II: The Discourse on Utopia

Geographical Features of Utopia

The Culture/Way of Life in the Country

The Towns

Magistrates

Trades and Occupations

Traffic: Population Control, Markets, Community Life

Travel

The Economy

Learning

Philosophy

Slavery

Euthanasia

Marriage and Divorce

Laws

Military Matters" Treaties and Alliances, War

Religion

Hythloday's Peroration

More's (Morus's?) Conclusion