John Milton was born in London on December 9, 1608, into a middle-class family. He lived the rest of his life in seclusion in the country, completing the life story in 1660 and dying in 1674. Despite his blindness, Milton published his epic poem "Paradise Lost," which is considered a masterpiece of English literature. His poetry and political writings were influential in the English Revolution and continue to be studied today. Milton's life and work are a testament to his commitment to liberty and his unwavering integrity.