Individually
Read the chapter(s) you have been assigned and answer the questions. Your answers should not only describe how Utopia is structured, but why the Utopians (and Thomas More) choose to organize their society the way they do. Be sure to incorporate specific details/examples from the text.

As a group, discuss your answers to the questions, working to have a complete understanding of Utopian methods and ideas. Feel free to add/discuss any other information in the chapter you feel is important. Then prepare a presentation of the ideas in your chapter(s). In doing this, determine “big ideas” and then provide the details which fully illuminate the idea; be sure to include at least one piece of text for each “big idea.”

Group 1

On the Country and its Agriculture/Description of Utopia
- What is the geography of Utopia? What natural protections does it have?
- How did Utopia get its name?

Of the Cities/Of Their Towns
Where do people live in the city? In the country? How do country and city dwellers support each other?

Of the Magistrates
What type of government does Utopia have? Explain who makes rules and how each is chosen.

Group 2

Of the Occupations of the Utopians/Of Their Trades and Manner of Life
- How do Utopians spend their days? How are people employed? What is the attitude toward work? What do they do for leisure/recreation?
- What is the Utopian attitude toward housing and clothes?

Of Their Lives Together/Of Their Traffic
- How are families structured? How are their needs supplied? How are they fed?
- How are the sick treated?

Group 3

On the Travels of the Utopians/ Of the Traveling of the Utopians
- What are the rules regarding travel in Utopia?
- What is done with surplus goods?
- What is the Utopian attitude toward gold and silver? Precious gems? Iron?
- What is the Utopian attitude toward learning and education?
- What do the Utopians think of virtue and pleasure? What role do fancy clothes, hunting, gambling play? What about health?
Group 4

On Slaves/Of Their Slaves and of Their Marriages
- How do people become bondmen/slaves? How are slaves treated?
- What is the Utopian attitude toward death?
- What are the customs regarding marriage? what is considered marriageable age? how are marriage partners chosen? what about adultery and divorce?
- What is the attitude toward laws and lawyers?
- What do Utopians think of treaties?

Group 5

On Warfare/Of Their Military Discipline
- What do Utopians think of war?
- For what reasons will they go to war?
- What will they do to avoid war?
- If they must fight, who is chosen? how are they trained?
- How do Utopians conduct battle? Who is targeted? how do they treat prisoners? civilians?

Group 6

On the Religions of the Utopians
- Are the Utopians monotheistic or polytheistic? are there any who do not believe in a god?
- What is the Utopian attitude toward multiple religions?
- Where are worship services conducted?
- What are Utopian funerals like? what does this say about how they view life and death?
- What is the role of priests? who can become one?
- Besides being a priest, how can Utopians live a religious life?