

## Literature During Enlightenment (#10)

By the 1700s, literature developed new forms and a wider audience. Middle-class readers, for example, liked stories about their own times told in straightforward prose. One result was an outpouring of novels or long works of prose fiction.

English novelists wrote many popular stories. Daniel Defoe wrote Robinson Crusoe, an exciting tale about a sailor shipwrecked on a tropical island.

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Step 1: [Robinson Crusoe excerpt](#)

Read the About the Author on p. 29

Then read Chapter 1 & 2 & 3

About the Author	Summary Chapter 1
Summary Ch 2	Summary Ch 3

Summarize Chapter 1 & 2, & 3, Then explain, “How might the novel have influenced English readers from the time period?”  
And how does it reflect the Enlightenment?