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Daniel Defoe

If ever there were an author of immense skill and energy it would be Daniel Defoe. Hundreds of works, books, pamphlets and articles he produced in his lifetime. Some were commissioned by the British Government, others were his own opinions which got him into trouble on several occasions, even to the extent of imprisonment. Towards the end of his life he started writing novels. His most acclaimed is *Robinson Crusoe*, a story based upon the explorations of Alexander Selkirk, who became marooned on an uninhabited Pacific island.

Your task

Write an essay about Daniel Defoe. Find out when he was born, when he died and where he lived. Tell as much as you can about this great writer. You can include a short synopsis about one of his books.

