



Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Publ 1719

Age of Empiricism

- Bacon
- Locke
- Hobbes
- (Descartes)

Narrative

Preface

ethical aim
 true? - History of fact No Fiction!
 "religious Application"
 "Providence"
 for "Improvement, Instruction by Example (& Diversion)"?

Narration

1st person (5) Ego?
 Structure Ages of Man
 Hunter gatherer
 Farmer 147
 Tool maker 122
 Tailor 136
 Industry 213 slave
 Journal 71-77. Repeat story = Detail of work
 Footprint 155
 Time 167, 182, 278 (over 28 years)

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 Practical solutions

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genre

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 adventure story?
 morality tale?

Crusoe

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