

## THE LIFE OF DANIEL DEFOE AND THE IDEAS PRESENTED IN HIS LITERARY WORKS

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**Abstract:** This article depicts Daniel Defoe's life as well as main ideas presented in his books, their unique aspects by comparing similarities and differences in his famous literary works.

Daniel Defoe, a great representative of English literature, was born in a butcher's family in London, England on April 26, 1661. His father paid great attention to his son's education due to his material wealth. Daniel was supposed to be a priest of the church, different from the general public, but he decided to become a businessman. Because it was his dream to be very rich, but his dream never came true. His lifestyle passed with some serious problems.

It is difficult to give brief information about the biography of Daniel Defoe. His life is full of many interesting events and surprising facts.

Defoe was also one of the most active politicians of his time. Defoe fought on the side of the army of the Duke of Monmouth, who rebelled against his uncle Jacob Stuart, who had adopted a pro-French policy during his reign. However, the rebellion was brutally suppressed and Defoe was forced to hide from the persecution. With the accession of William of Orange, Defoe returned to literary activity.

Defoe's literary career began with talented political pamphlets (anonymous) and newspaper articles. He wrote on various political topics.

Paula Buckscheider studies D. Defoe's life and believes that his works are related to the literature of our time, developing and in close dynamics. D. Defoe is an innovative and professional writer who describes the problems of his time with high skill. As mentioned above, D. Defoe is recognized as one of the first proponents of the novel, because he worked in cooperation with famous writers such as Samuel Richardson in Great Britain. D. Defoe also worked on economic journalism. He is the founder of the first English newspaper called "Review". He also laid the foundation stone for the development of the newspapers "The Tatler" and "The Spectator".

Defoe made a great contribution to the development of the novel genre. Daniel Defoe became famous throughout the world through his masterpiece "The Life and

Adventures of Robinson Crusoe". He was the author of more than 500 books. He started writing pamphlets at the age of 23.

His novels such as "Captain Singleton's Life", "Colonel Jack's History", "Moll Flanders", "The history of Mrs. Roksana" are rich in adventures. In world literature, many works similar to "The Life and Wonderful Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" have been created.

The writer's work "Moll Flanders" is written in the style of a spiritual biography. This style is defined as a non-fiction genre of prose. Throughout the novel, Moll's life and illegal relationships are reflected. The dynamics of Moll's character develop throughout the work.

His work "The History of Mrs. Roksana" is one of the famous works that describes the atmosphere of that time. It mainly discusses the issues of truth and lies. It is explained that the main purpose of Roksana's bad actions was her desire for freedom. As the main factors that increase the readability of the work, we can see how much it is related to the reality of life and it is aimed at showing the conflicts of that time.

The author's novel "Captain Singleton's life" is a work that shows the system of slavery and its impact on society. In this work, we can see scenes of a sea trip, like the novel "The life and wonderful adventures of Robinson Crusoe". During a dangerous trip, Singleton becomes the leader of the group due to his fearlessness and ingenuity. Such thoughts are recognized as the main idea of the work. The goal of these ideas is to survive in the work, it is described in the language of the main characters. When we briefly study the content of the work, we can see how high the love of the characters towards life.

He presented his work "Experience of projects" to the literary treasury. There are debates and projects dealing with financial problems, poverty, the need to increase primary schools, the shortcomings of female education in England and appeals in favor of spiritual freedom. This work also talks about the improvement of communication directions.

"This is an essay full of bright thoughts, new and fair views," wrote Benjamin Franklin, "it had a strong influence on my mind; my whole philosophy and moral system changed. The main events of my life and my participation in the revolution of my country were the results of this study".

Daniel Defoe is the author of novels that changed the direction of fantasy in his time and remain classics to this day. Through his many pamphlets, newspapers, travel books and works of art, D. Defoe tries to describe a long period of time, from the price of coal, flying machines to the threat of plague. "The Life and Wonderful Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" and "Moll Flanders", we can see that D. Defoe had a high level of experience in sea affairs. In most of D. Defoe's works, satire takes an important place, and it shows the consistency of discussion and approaches in these satires.

By nature, Defoe was an adventurer. He often went to Western Europe on business, participated in political companies, although he did not hold an official position, he was also a businessman.

The writer's first poem, "The True Englishman", was published in 1701 and is a poetic satirical treatise that tries to show the prejudices of racial superiority through humor.

When we collect information about all the works of Daniel Defoe, we can clearly witness the high level of the writer's skill. The works covering a wide range of topics and ideas show the writer's worldview and his attitude to the events that happen in life. The writer considers himself as the hero of the work and tries to show the problems of society in a real way. When choosing heroes in most of his works, he refers to a simple lifestyle and represents the middle class. chooses as the main character of his works.

Daniel Defoe's work should be appreciated in the truest sense. Because his many experiences as a journalist, merchant, and writer inspired him to create his works and once again proved how much of a creative artist he is. All his works are highly valued in world literature. Especially, the work "The Life and Wonderful Adventures of Robinson Crusoe", which represents adventure and interesting events, has a special place. The work is loved by literature lovers and is one of the masterpieces of world literature.

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