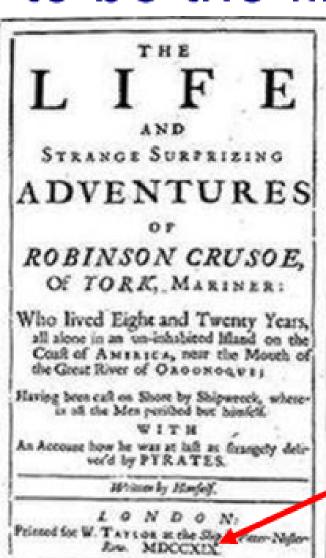
THE RISE OF THE NOVEL

The novel as an independent genre with the same status as drama and poetry emerged in Britain at the beginning of the 18th century.

Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe* is considered to be the first novel.





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WHY IN THIS PERIOD?

IMPROVEMENT IN PRINTING TECHNOLOGY

PRINTING BOOKS WAS CHEAPER AND FASTER

RISE OF THE MIDDLE CLASS

OF MIDDLE CLASS PEOPLE
WHO COULD READ AND
WRITE

We can say that the rise of the novel is related to the rise of the middle class: a new class of...readers!