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As part of the tried and true model of informal essay writing, Hume began publishing his *Essays: Moral, Political and Literary* in 1741. The majority of these finely honed treatises fall into three distinct areas: political theory, economic theory and aesthetic theory. Interestingly, Hume's was motivated to produce a collection of informal essays given the poor public reception of his more formally written "Treatise of Human Nature" in 1739. He hoped that his work would be interesting not only to the educated man, but to the common man as well. He passionately argues that essays provide a forum for discussing his philosophy of "common life." DAVID HUME (1711-1776) was a Scottish philosopher and historian. Educated at Edinburgh, he lived in France from 1734 to 1737, where he finished his first philosophical work, *A Treatise of Human Nature* (1739-40). His additional philosophical works include *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1748), *Political Discourses* (1752), *The Natural History of Religion* (1755), and *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* (1779).

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