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# James Fenimore Cooper (1789-1851)

(US novelist, b. Burlington, NJ, son of William Cooper, founder of Cooperstown; dismissed from Yale; seaman for several years, married, gentleman farmer, successful novelist, moved to New York City, US consul at Lyons, travelled in Europe 1826-33, defender of republicanism in Europe and conservative aristocratic Federalist back in USA; moved back to Cooperstown, father of Susan Fenimore Cooper)

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