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# Edward Gibbon (1737-1794)

(English historian; b. Putney, London, son of a Tory MP; converted to Catholicism, sent by father to Geneva, became skeptic and anti-Christian; father frustrated love affair abroad; commission in the Army; belonged to Johnson's Club; retired to write to Geneva; pro Enlightenment and pro British constitution)

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