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# Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

(English man of letters, scholar, lexicographer, critic and writer; b. Lichfield, son of a bookseller, suffered from scrofula; left Oxford without a degree; schoolteacher, then l. London 1737-; married older widow; journalist and scholar, then pensioned by George III; widower, opinionated conversationalist and socialite, literary authority; unsuccessfully pretended Hester Lynch Piozzi; Tory Anglican. Circle: Boswell, Goldsmith, Burke, Garrick, etc.)

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