Montaigne's Essais

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Michel Eyquem de Montaigne, Lord of Montaigne (/mɪˈʃɛl eɪˈkɛm də mɒntˈeɪn/; 28 February 1533 – 13 September 1592) was one of the most significant philosophers of the French Renaissance, known for popularizing the essay as a literary genre. His work is noted for its merging of casual anecdotes and autobiography with intellectual insight. His massive volume Essais contains some of the most influential essays ever written. 5. Montaigne and Relativism. 6. Montaigne’s Legacy from Charron to Hobbes. 7. Conclusion. Bibliography. Montaigne (1533–1592) came from a rich bourgeois family that acquired nobility after his father fought in Italy in the army of King Francis I of France; he came back with the firm intention of bringing refined Italian culture to France. He decorated his Périgord castle in the style of an ancient Roman villa. He also decided that his son would not learn Latin in school.