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David Hume was one of the most important British philosophers of the eighteenth century. The first part of his Treatise on Human Nature is a seminal work in philosophy. Hume on Knowledge introduces and assesses:
* Hume's life and the background of the Treatise
* The ideas and text in the Treatise
* Hume's continuing importance to philosophy