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Thomas More was the trusted adviser of Henry VIII who was ultimately beheaded for his refusal to accept the King's divorce and the Church of England's split with Rome. He was a passionate defender of the Catholic faith and wrote treatises rebutting the works of the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther. Short Biography of Thomas More. Thomas More was born 1478, in Milk Street, London and was the eldest son of a lawyer Sir John More. Thomas More. First published Wed Mar 19, 2014. Thomas More (1478–1535) was an English lawyer, humanist, statesman, and Catholic martyr, whose paradoxical life is reflected in his contrasting titles: he was knighted by King Henry VIII in 1521 and canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1935. Born to an affluent mercantile and professional family, he was representative of the lively intellectual culture which had evolved in fifteenth century London and which provided a platform for the early manifestations of humanism. "My love and devotion towards Your Majesty is so great, that I shall never speak a word against you in public so help me God." - Sir Thomas More. The longtime friend and teacher of Henry VIII, Sir Thomas More is a pious Christian lawyer and humanist who abhors war and tries to advise Henry against it. He nevertheless believes that stern action is required to combat the rise of Lutheranism, maintaining every form of staunch Catholic tradition in his home, where he is shown to be a loving father and