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The Lives of Richard Hooker, George Herbert and Robert Sanderson

Izaak Walton · *1665–1678 · Walton's English*

I have been persuaded, by a friend whom I reverence, and ought to obey, to write the Life of RICHARD HOOKER, the happy Author of Five—if not more—of the eight learned books of "The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity." Hooker was born at Heavy-tree, in or near Exeter. Izaak Walton; this volume also holds George Herbert and Robert Sanderson. PG #13139. For grades 11–12. Quote Walton, not only Cowper's verse. Three lives; one map cannot teach them all.

THE CENTRAL QUESTION

How should a school read Walton's Lives as he begins the first of them—persuaded, by a friend whom he reverence and ought to obey, to write the life of Richard Hooker—and then remember that this hosted volume also holds Herbert and Sanderson?

"I have been persuaded, by a friend whom I reverence, and ought to obey, to write the Life of RICHARD HOOKER, the happy"

The Life of Mr. Richard Hooker, introduction

After a title and a verse of Sir William Cowper, Walton himself begins: he has been persuaded, by a friend whom he reverence and ought to obey, to write the Life of Richard Hooker, the happy author of five—if not more—of the eight learned books of The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity. And though he has undertaken it, it hath been with some unwillingness. Hooker was born at Heavy-tree, near, or within the precincts, or in the City of Exeter. Keep "Heavy-tree," as this file prints it (Heavitree). Teach that beginning, for grades 11–12. This hosted volume also contains the lives of George Herbert and Robert Sanderson. Name all three; one map cannot teach them all. Quote Walton, not only the verse. Project Gutenberg #13139.

KEY CHARACTERS

Izaak Walton
Who is persuaded to write Hooker's life, and whose volume also holds Herbert and Sanderson

Richard Hooker
Born at Heavy-tree, in or near Exeter, author of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity

George Herbert, and Robert Sanderson
Whose lives also stand in this hosted volume, and must be named if you describe the file

The friend whom he reverence and ought to obey
Who persuaded him to write the first life

HOW TO BEGIN THESE LIVES

> *"I have been persuaded, by a friend whom I reverence, and ought to obey, to write the Life of RICHARD HOOKER, the happy"*
> Hooker, introduction

> *"Hooker was born at Heavy-tree, near, or within the precincts, or in the City of Exeter; a City which"*
> Hooker

Grades 11–12
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Persuaded by a Friend

THE LIFE OF MR. RICHARD HOOKER, INTRODUCTION

I have been persuaded, by a friend whom I reverence, and ought to obey, to write the Life of RICHARD HOOKER. The first life is undertaken as obedience, not as a pastime.

- Keep "reverence, and ought to obey."
- 11–12.
- Quote Walton, not only Cowper's verse that stands on the title.
- The later lives of Herbert and Sanderson are other parts of the same file.

> *"I have been persuaded, by a friend whom I reverence, and ought to obey, to write the Life of RICHARD HOOKER, the happy"*
> The Life of Mr. Richard Hooker, introduction

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Five, if not More, of Eight Books

THE LIFE OF MR. RICHARD HOOKER, INTRODUCTION

The happy Author of Five—if not more—of the eight learned books of "The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity." Walton already tells you the work is not evenly eight in the same way.

- Keep "Five--if not more--of the eight learned books," as this file may print the dashes.
- 11–12.
- The Laws are another work; this map is the life.
- Quote this English.

> *"the happy Author of Five--if not more--of the eight learned books of "The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity." And though I"*
> The Life of Mr. Richard Hooker, introduction

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Undertaking, with Some Unwillingness

THE LIFE OF MR. RICHARD HOOKER, INTRODUCTION

And though I have undertaken it, yet it hath been with some unwillingness. The life is begun under a check, as well as under persuasion.

- Keep "some unwillingness," if the sentence holds that far; do not invent a longer ending.
- 11–12.
- A modest start.
- Quote Walton.

> *"And though I have undertaken it, yet it hath been with some unwillingness"*
> The Life of Mr. Richard Hooker, introduction

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Born at Heavy-tree, in Exeter

THE LIFE OF MR. RICHARD HOOKER

Hooker was born at Heavy-tree, near, or within the precincts, or in the City of Exeter; a city which may justly boast that it was the birth-place of him and Sir Thomas Bodley. Keep "Heavy-tree."

- Do not silently modernize to "Heavitree" in a quotation. You may explain the place-name.
- 11–12.
- A particular English life.
- The later pages follow a career; start here.

> *"Hooker was born at Heavy-tree, near, or within the precincts, or in the City of Exeter; a City which"*
> The Life of Mr. Richard Hooker

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Three Lives in One File

THE EDITION

Project Gutenberg #13139 is The Lives of Richard Hooker, George Herbert and Robert Sanderson, written 1665–1678. Quote Walton. Name all three lives. For grades 11–12. One map cannot teach the whole volume. Do not treat Cowper's verse as the life.

- Name Hooker, Herbert, and Sanderson.
- Quote Walton.
- 11–12.
- A modest biographer, writing under persuasion.

> *"I have been persuaded, by a friend whom I reverence, and ought to obey, to write the Life of RICHARD HOOKER, the happy"*
> The Life of Mr. Richard Hooker, introduction

A life undertaken in obedience	Hooker, and the Laws	A birth at Heavy-tree	Three lives in one volume	Modest unwillingness, and a task kept

What to watch for as you read

GRADES 11–12

1. He has been persuaded, by a friend whom he reverence and ought to obey, to write the Life of Richard Hooker. Quote Walton, not only Cowper's verse.
2. Hooker was born at "Heavy-tree," in or near Exeter. Keep this file's spelling in a quotation.
3. The volume also holds George Herbert and Robert Sanderson. Name all three. One map cannot teach them all.
4. PG #13139, lives written 1665–1678, for grades 11–12. Five—if not more—of the eight books of the Laws: keep Walton's caution.

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