John Locke

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Vital Statistics

- Born, 1632, Wrington
- Died, 1704, Oates
- Single
- Physician
- Member of Royal Society
- Government Official
Important Events

- 1647, began study at Westminster school as a King’s Scholar
- 1652-56, attended Christ Church college, Oxford, earning a B.A.
- 1658, earned M.A. at Christ Church
- 1660
  - Elected lecturer in Greek at Christ Church
  - Met Robert Boyle
Important Events (cont.)

- 1663, elected lecturer in Rhetoric at Christ Church
- 1664, elected Censor of Moral Philosophy at Christ Church
- 1667, moved to London as personal physician of Lord Ashley
- 1668, elected to the Royal Society
- 1674, received Bachelor of Medicine at Oxford and was licensed to practice medicine
Important Events (cont.)

• 1675-78, resided in France
• 1683, fled to Holland for safety
• 1688, published (in French) abstract of *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*
• 1689
  - Returned to England
  - Published *Epistle Concerning Toleration*
  - Published *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*
Important Events (cont.)

- 1690, anonymously published *Two Treatises of Civil Government*
- 1691, moved to the Masham estate at Oates
- 1695, anonymously published *The Reasonableness of Christianity*
- 1696-1700, served on the Board of Trade
- 1697-99, controversy with Edward Stillingfleet, Bishop of Worcester
- 1700, retired at Oates
Important Events (cont.)

• 1704, died at Oates, after a long period of declining health due to chronic asthma and consumption