THE LIFE OF SIR THOMAS MORE
(c. 1556)
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STUDY OUTLINE

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# Study Outline – Roper’s Life of Sir Thomas More

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## More’s Education

- St. Anthony’s School, Morton’s palace, Oxford, law studies, 
  lectures on *City of God*, life at the Charterhouse

## Early Career

- Reader at Furnival’s Inn, marriage to Jane Colt [1505], member of Parliament [1504], undersheriff [1510-18], embassies for London merchants [1515, 1517], counsel for Pope’s ship [1517]

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