



My Sam Johnson

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The Idea



Research and Creativity



Some Differences



- interviews of scholars
- less primary research
- attention to the reader
- anecdotes
- my personal interests



Challenges



- skewing the biography
- self-indulgently inserting myself
- making Johnson into a caricature
- neglecting his writing



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