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[Jonas Hanway and his 'Portable Roof' by Jan Church - Setting the Scene](#)

This factual piece tells the fascinating history of Jonas Hanway. Born in 1712, Hanway was a great social reformer, and is celebrated for this with a monument in Westminster Abbey. Nowadays, however, few of us remember his philanthropy - but we have Hanway to thank for something very ordinary which we all use.

Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases

Led a life of adventure
Portsmouth in 1712
Apprenticed to a merchant in Lisbon
St Petersburg
Traded with Persia
Cargo
Seized
A long struggle
Russia
1750
London
Trade
Small pamphlets
Importing tea
Irate response
Samuel Johnson
Tireless campaigner
The Marine Society
Governor
Magdalen Hospital
Penitent
Stepney Society
The Troop Society
Commissioner for the victualling of the Navy
Good deeds
Parasol
Little shade
So, he set to
Animal ribs
Catcalls and missiles were thrown
Hansom cab drivers and sedan chairmen
At the receiving end of the despised
In the dry

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Sensible man
Died in 1786
Commercial success
Good works