**Man Friday**

**Ex. 4**

2.

The description is positive. The writer uses many comparisons to show that Friday is different from black people and natives (his hair isn't curled, l. 5-6, his skin isn't black, but tawny, l. 7, his nose isn't flat, l. 10, his lips are thin, l. 11). He wants to suggest that Friday is similar to Europeans. Moreover, he has a high forehead that was considered a sign of intelligence at that time. This description wants to give a good impression to the readers

3.

Friday is handsome because he is similar to white people

4.

Defoe speaks about Brazilians, Virginians and other natives of America to underline that Friday’s appearance is different and more handsome

5.

Friday is thankful (l. 17) because Robinson saved him from the cannibals. He is also humble and submissive (l. 17) and he immediately recognizes R. as his master.

He is described as the **good savage** who understands the **superiority of the white man** and who is ready to obey him and to become his servant.

Friday is a cannibal, too, in fact he suggests that they should eat the men that R. killed, but R. gets angry and Friday accepts his will without speaking (l. 35-37)

7.

Robinson represents the typical **coloniser** of that time because he considers himself superior and he thinks that it is his right and duty to teach the savages, like Friday, his culture, language, religion and civilization. He doesn't try to understand Friday, he doesn't even ask him his name, but he gives him a new name and he teaches him that he is the master and must be obeyed. Moreover, when he arrives on the island, he takes possession of the land and becomes the lord of the island without thinking if there were already other people who lived there (for ex. Friday). This is the typical attitude of the European colonisers of that time that explore the lands and conquer them, killing the natives or making them their slaves.

In this text R. proves again that he is **intelligent and practical**. Some time has passed since the shipwreck and R. has built a house and he has some goats that he uses for milk. His situation on the island has improved a lot and he has done everything alone, without any help