[St. Thomas](http://www.biography.com/people/st-thomas-9505608) Aquinas was born in Lombardy, Italy, circa 1225. He was a philosopher and theologian. He chose to combine faith and religion with his practices. He ranked among the most influential thinkers of medieval scholasticism. An authority of the Roman Catholic Church and a productive writer, Aquinas died at the Cistercian monastery of Fossanova, Italy, on March 7, 1274. [St. Thomas](http://www.biography.com/people/st-thomas-9505608) Aquinas penned close to 60 known works ranging in length from short to tome-like. While teaching at Cologne in the early 1250s, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote a lengthy commentary on scholastic theologian Peter Lombard's *Four Books of Sentences*, called *Scriptum super libros Sententiarium*, or *Commentary on the Sentences*.