

Abstract

Diploma thesis “Influence of the Boer wars on relations between Great Britain and South Africa” deals with the Anglo-Boer armed conflict in southern Africa in the second half of 19th century and the turn of the 19th and 20th century. The author in this work primarily examines what the causes of these conflicts were, what was the course and outcome of the Boer wars, and also what was their impact on the defined region and impacts on the population.

For complete understanding of the Boer wars is necessary to know several important connections, for example the origin of the Boers, the way of their life, interests of Great Britain in South Africa, etc. These themes which are essential to understanding complicatedness of relations between Great Britain and Boers are discussed in the first part this work.

Although the above-mentioned wars occurred in the eighties of the 19th century, or at the turn of the 19th and 20th century, it should be noted that the reasons that caused the conflicts appeared much earlier. In this text you will get among others answers on the following questions: what was the most delicate issue of the Anglo-Boer negotiations, why could not Great Britain and the Boer republics reach an acceptable compromise which would prevent armed conflict and what was the role of native black inhabitants of southern Africa in the Boer Wars.

This work is certainly for everyone who wants to find out more not only about the Boer wars, but also about whole region of South Africa and its history.