

Abstract

The thesis focuses on the analysis of the miners' strike in Great Britain in years 1984-1985. It examines its roots in the 1970s, the failure of the Edward Heath's administration and Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government preparation for the strike. The main emphasis is laid on the analysis of the course of the strike. It examines in detail the period between March 1984 and March 1985, when National Union of Mineworkers decided to strike against the policies of Margaret Thatcher. It analyses the way the strike started, the strategies, achievements and errors of both sides of the dispute. It extensively deals with the manifestations of violence during the strike and with the situation of the miners' families. The last chapter mentions the consequences of the strike.