

ABSTRACT

In this following work we will look into the views of the great Russian thinker of the first part of XIX century, Petr Yakovlevich Chaadaev on the destiny of Russia and its connection to the general European development. The research is happening with connection to historical events and social ideals, that were typical for this particular epoch, also using the biographical facts and authors literary work. Particular attention is being paid to : The Westernizer movement, The Slavophiles, The Masonic order, The Patriotic War of 1812 and the Revolt of the Decembrists. Chaadaev's thoughts are being analyzed on the example of the First Philosophic Letter. The author of this work is trying to establish whether the thoughts and writings of philosopher Chaadaev about historical development and the mission of the big Eurasian State that are being addressed to the future generations are still relevant.