

Summary of the doctoral dissertation

Outstanding rulers of the Piast dynasty in curricula and history textbooks in the Second Polish Republic

The purpose of the dissertation is to present the educational patterns disseminated in history books of the Second Polish Republic on the example of prominent rulers of the Piast dynasty: Mieszko, Bolesław Chrobry, Bolesław Śmiały, Bolesław Krzywousty, Władysław Łokietek and Kazimierz Wielki. To achieve this goal, the curricula from 1918 to 1939 were analyzed, as well as over 80 books used in history education from the end of the 19th century to 1939.

The dissertation is chronological and problematic. The first chapter deals with the images of the Piast kings in studies on the history of Poland at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries. The images of rulers contained in them constituted a point of reference for later ones. In the second chapter, entitled *The teaching programs and history books in the Second Polish Republic*, two periods have been distinguished: the years 1918-1931 and 1932-1939, with three parts in each. The first one discusses program reforms, ideals and educational goals. The second part presents the image of Piast rulers in programs for primary and secondary schools. The third part describes the history books used. From chapters three to eight, didactic „portraits” of Mieszko, Bolesław Chrobry, Bolesław Śmiały, Bolesław Krzywousty, Władysław Łokietek and Kazimierz Wielki from 1918-1939 have been presented.

The conducted analysis and final conclusions expand the current state of research on the history of historical school education in the Second Polish Republic.

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