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## THE ROLE OF UKRAINIAN CULTURE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ETHNIC AND CULTURAL IDENTITY AND INDEPENDENCE DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE XIX – CENTURY XX CENTURY

The methods of specific historical and problem analysis of the development of Ukrainian culture during the second half of the XIX and early XX centuries are used. The historiographical literature is analyzed. Stories on the eradication of illiteracy, the development of education, the restructuring of vocational education and the issues of national-cultural construction were highlighted.

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