

## SUMMARY

### Simonas Daukantas as fosterer of the Lithuanian national and ethical identity

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The subject of the article is the historiosophic works by the prominent Lithuanian historian, cultural and social figure Simonas Daukantas (1793–1864).

The transformation of Lithuanian ethnos into the national state was hindered by numerous unfavourable historical circumstances, one of them being the political, administrative and cultural affiliation of Lithuania to Poland, which started forming as early as the 1385. Another one was the occupation by the Tsarist Russia, taking place after the third division of the Lithuanian and Polish state in 1795.

Simonas Daukantas aimed at restoring the Lithuanian national historical self-consciousness, at reestablishing pride in the state history of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. Therefore Daukantas especially praised in his works the qualities that he considered to make fundament for the historical ethnic survival, i.e. courage, morals, diligence, love of freedom, etc. Such attempts, illustrated with concrete examples from Daukantas's works, are presented in this article and regarded as fostering of the Lithuanian national and ethical identity.