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Title: Ground Rules of Russian Orthography

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Topical Importance. First of all, it lies in the fact that the history of Russian orthography is not thoroughly learned from the point of view of spelling rules formation. Secondly, it is connected with the role the spelling principles play in the reflection of the contemporary linguistic processes and intelligent usage of the written language.

The Goal of the research work is to find out basic peculiarities of the development of Russian orthography in the XVIII-XXI centuries from the aspect of its spelling formation.

Tasks: 1) to describe basic theoretical principles of orthography; 2) to find out main tendencies in Russian spelling development till the XX century; 3) to decipher the specifics of spelling reforms in the XX century; 4) to show the specifics of modern state of Russian spelling theory and practice; 5) to define the character and the reasons of spelling randomness.

Theoretical value and practical applicability are seen in the contribution into elaboration of general concepts and categories of orthography. The materials of the thesis can be used in the courses of the History of the Russian orthography and ground rules of Russian spelling.

Results of the research work consist in studying and systematization of different approaches to codification of the principles of Russian spelling on the material of Grammar works of the XVIII-XXI centuries in comparison of the character of exposition and the level of theorization of spelling rules based on the analyzed principles of orthography.

Recommendations have been worked out and practically approved in practice of teaching Russian at school.