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9. **Topicality of the research.** From day to day Asian countries, China in particular, excite great interest among the non-oriental community. But to display interest in the problem is not enough. In order to understand people correctly, their traditions and customs, to know why they perform these or those actions in this or that way, one needs to refer to the land-marks of history and to study in detail each of its aspects, therefore there appear more and more new works related not only to China, but to the Orient in general. The great peasants` war of the middle of the XIXth century in China known under the name “The Taiping Rebellion” is one of the significant pages in the history of the national liberation struggle waged by the Chinese people against numerous foreign aggressors for thousands of years. So, this diploma work will make an attempt to explain the causes of the Taiping Rebellion, motives of those people. This work also reveals the principles of the Taipings` domestic political and foreign political activity.

**Objective of the research:** the analysis and assessment of the formation and activity of the Taipings in the period of the weakened Qing (Manchu) dynasty.

**Tasks of the research:**

— to study the economic, political and social state of the Qing China on the eve of the Taiping Rebellion;

- to examine the aspects whose availability enabled the Taiping state to exist and hold its positions in China, and also the causes of the weakening of the ruling Qing dynasty;
- to get acquainted with the causes and effects of the weakening and fall of the Taiping state;
- to consider the aspects of the Taipings' foreign policy;
- to comprehend the role of the world powers in the rout of the Taiping Rebellion;
- to explain the historic significance of the Great Peasants' War.

**Theoretical and practical significance of the research** is conditioned by the fact, that it raises the questions related to the circumstances of the formation of the Taiping movement in China and also to the circumstances due to which the movement began to gain ground during the rule of the Qing dynasty and to the circumstances of the rout of the lucky, as it seemed, union. The theoretical significance also consists in the deep and detailed study of the internal structure of the Taiping power, its religious and traditional significance for the rebels. The materials of the paper can be used to prepare teaching aids in the history of China or the history of the South-East Asia, and in writing course paper and mini-projects by the students of the department of orientalism and synology.

**Results of the research.** We analyzed the causes, course and effects of the Taiping rebellion in China, and examined in detail the role of the international factor in the solution of the "Taiping question". The principle of historicism became basic for this work. It enabled us to analyze the causes and effects of the Great Peasants' War in 1850-1864. We also used a system method and a combination of the logical and historical analysis that enabled us to explore this problem from all the sides and make conclusions on the results of the Taiping Rebellion.

**Recommendations:**

1. In the course of the further work on the topic one has to analyze in detail the Taipings' religious policy, and also the peculiarities of their religious doctrine.
2. It is essential we comprehend the impact of the Taiping rebellion on the further development of the revolutionary movement in China in the early XXth century

that resulted in the fall of the monarchy and the establishment of the Republican form of government.