

Russia will celebrate the bi-centenary of the Napoleonic War of 1812 next year. This event is linked with the most important nationalist "myth" inherited from Imperial Russia.

The War of 1812 became one of the most significant objects of memory for Russian society in the 19th century. This was the result of the intentional creation of collective remembrance, a way of constructing and strengthening of identity through the formation of images of war in cultural and collective memory based on a military and imperial foundation.

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