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Manifestation of the German mentality in modern journalism and fiction

The article dwells on and illustrates several concepts inherited in German culture, namely the concept of "Freedom" and the concept of "House." Within the concept of "House" some points of view supplementing each other are exposed to consideration: 1) house as roof over the head; 2) house as family; 3) house as country or homeland. The analysis of the journalistic texts of electronic archive "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" indicates that the concept of "Freedom" is present at many spheres of human life. Moreover, the freedom for native speakers of German is the privilege of which they can independently dispose. Besides, the role of journalism and fiction in reflection of mentality of people is emphasized. The article also lists their most important functions for formation of mentality as qualities of belonging to a certain group, namely to culture, nation and its values.

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