
Anglo-Saxon concept “wood” as an element of national mentality

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The research is done within the framework of cognitive linguistics and is aimed at the reconstruction of national mentality. We offer to use place-names for cognitive studies, thus broadening their scope. Hence, we emphasize the importance of recreating Anglo-Saxon concept “wood”. For reconstructing the concept we employed an original method, based on the system of substantial, anthropological, economic, protective, locative, orientation, affective and habitation descriptors. This approach permits to focus on the specific ethnic characteristics of Anglo-Saxon concept “wood/forest”. We conclude that this element plays an important part in the ethnic mentality.

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