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The educational manual is divided into three sections. The first section is devoted to the study of the Kazakh themes in the works of Western writers in the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The second section presents modern Kazakhstan. The third section presents an analysis of the social orientation of the publication. The book analyzes the research practices of individual scientists, groups of writers and historians.

The book is recommended for journalism faculty and courses taught in English, as well as students interested in the history of Kazakhstan.

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## INTRODUCTION

Actuality of studying publications about Kazakhstan abroad raises no doubts. Large number of scientific and popular science publications, dedicated to a Kazakh topic, have been published and continue appearing as of present moment, and students-journalists need to learn how to find their bearings in this information flow.

This educational manual is not designed to fill in the gaps of general cultural knowledge, but it rather reflects a practical necessity being connected with solving acute present-day problems. Establishing and strengthening mutual understanding between nations is impossible without deep and thorough studying and knowing each other.

Observations, reflection and understanding of Kazakhstani reality, history of Kazakh nation, in foreign sources, are ambiguous; however, such range of opinions, attitudes to Kazakhs, being different from Americans with their lifestyle, customs and traditions, represents significant interest since it provides an opportunity to see the immense Kazakh steppe and its residents with modern eyes and from different perspectives. Publications of American authors are very valuable in this regards. In number of cases foreigners tell about such events which would have remained a mystery for the latest generations without their findings.

The objective of the suggested course “Foreign Publicists about Kazakhs” is to form students’ notion of the main tendencies of Western publicists’ development in the aspect of studying the Kazakh topic.

The following tasks are planned to be solved during this course:

- Research the main stages and directions for studying Kazakhstan in the USA;
- Analyze works of several famous Western scientists;
- Get acquainted with the complex of famous historic studies, articles and monographs;
- Track effect of Western scientists’ works on the national science.

The educational manual reviews both theoretical-methodological notions and research practice of certain scientists. The author tried al-