

Joachim Heinrich Campe (1779)

Abstract

Like many of his educated contemporaries, the German pedagogue, linguist, theologian, and publisher Joachim Heinrich Campe (1746-1818) welcomed the French Revolution as the fulfillment of the Enlightenment ideals of liberty and democracy. As a writer and publisher, Campe molded these ideals into concrete blueprints for societal reform. As a school inspector in Braunschweig (1786-1805), he reformed the principality's school system and published a series of pedagogical texts, *Allgemeine Revision des gesamten Schul- und Erziehungswesens* [*General Revision of the Entire School and Educational System*] (16 vols., 1785-11). He also published a complete edition of his papers on educating children and adolescents, *Sämtliche Kinder- und Jugendschriften* [*Collected Writings on Children and Youth*] (1806-09), in which he espoused the educational and social ideals of the Enlightenment and the French Revolution. In 1792, the French government declared Campe an honorary citizen of the French Revolution.

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