

Johann Gottfried von Herder (1795)

Abstract

The writer, philosopher, theologian, and poet Johann Gottfried Herder (1744-1803) exercised a major influence on German linguistics, literary studies, and historiography. His major works include *Fragments Concerning the More Recent German Literature* (1767) and *Reflections on the Philosophy of the History of Mankind* (1784-91), the latter of which laid the groundwork for nineteenth-century historicism. His interest in popular customs and traditions, particularly folk poetry and songs, and his concept of the *Volksgeist* figured importantly in the development of German Romanticism and nationalism. Painting by Johann Friedrich August Tischbein (1750-1812), 1795.

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