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THE ROLE OF HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SENSE OF HOMELAND AMONG MODERN STUDENTS (IN THE EXAMPLE OF THE ARCHITECTURAL MONUMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KARAKALPAKSTAN)

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ABSTRACT

This article explores the role of historical architectural monuments in developing a sense of homeland among modern students in the Republic of Karakalpakstan. By examining key examples the study highlights how these structures serve as tangible connections to the region's cultural and historical heritage. The article investigates how engagement with these monuments enhances students' understanding of their cultural roots, fosters a sense of belonging, and promotes civic pride.

KEYWORDS

Historical architectural monuments, cultural heritage, Karakalpakstan, educational impact, civic engagement, cultural identity.

INTRODUCTION

Historical architectural monuments are more than just physical structures; they are enduring symbols of a region's cultural and historical legacy. These monuments provide a tangible connection to the past, reflecting the artistic, religious, and social values of bygone eras. In the Republic of Karakalpakstan, a region rich with its unique historical and cultural heritage, architectural monuments play a crucial role in shaping local identity and fostering a sense of homeland among modern students.

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As contemporary education increasingly incorporates cultural heritage into its curriculum, the study of historical monuments offers students invaluable insights into their region's history and traditions. These monuments not only serve as educational tools but also as sources of pride and belonging, helping students develop a deeper connection to their cultural roots.

This article explores the role of historical architectural monuments in the development of a sense of homeland among students in Karakalpakstan. By examining the significance of these structures and their impact on student identity and engagement, we aim to highlight the importance of preserving and promoting cultural heritage in education. Through a closer look at the architectural treasures of Karakalpakstan, we will uncover how these landmarks contribute to the cultural and emotional landscape of modern students.

Karakalpakstan is home to numerous ancient fortresses that offer a glimpse into the region's rich history and architectural heritage. Here are some of the most notable fortresses in Karakalpakstan:

1. Toprak-Kala Fortress: This fortress served as the capital of the Khorezm Kingdom during the 3rd and 4th centuries AD. It is renowned for its well-preserved walls and palace complex, which showcase the architectural prowess of ancient Khorezmians. The site includes a large rectangular citadel with numerous rooms, halls, and courtyards, decorated with frescoes and sculptures [4].





2. Ayaz-Kala Fortresses: Dating back to the 2nd century BC to the 4th century AD, Ayaz-Kala consists of three separate fortresses, each with unique characteristics defensive structures. The fortresses

strategically located on hills, providing panoramic views of the surrounding desert. They include massive walls, towers, and remnants of residential buildings [1].



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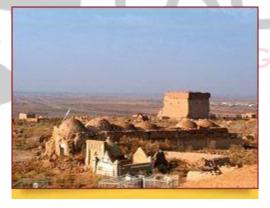
3. Jambas-Kala Fortress: Built around the 4th century BC, this fortress played a crucial role in the defense of the Khorezm Kingdom. The fortress is characterized by its unique layout and defensive structures, including high walls and a series of gates [3].



There are also several significant mausoleums that reflect the region's rich cultural and religious heritage. Here are some of the notable mausoleums:

1. Mizdakhan Necropolis: Mizdakhan is one of the largest and most significant necropolises in Central

Asia, with history dating back to the 4th century BC. The site includes a variety of mausoleums, mosques, and other structures. Key mausoleums here include the Mausoleum of Shamun-Nabi, a revered Islamic saint, and the Mausoleum of Mazlumkhan-Sulu, which is notable for its unique architectural style [6].



2. Mausoleum of Mazlumkhan-Sulu: This mausoleum is dedicated to Mazlumkhan-Sulu, a legendary figure in local folklore. The mausoleum stands out for its intricate brickwork and elegant design, reflecting the high level of craftsmanship of its time [1].

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These fortresses and mausoleums not only highlight the strategic importance of the region throughout history but also serve as valuable archaeological and cultural sites, attracting researchers and tourists interested in the ancient civilizations of Central Asia.

Historical architectural monuments play a profound role in shaping and reinforcing cultural identity, particularly among modern students in the Republic of Karakalpakstan. These monuments offer a tangible connection to the past, enriching students' understanding of their cultural heritage and fostering a sense of pride and belonging.

Monuments provide physical embodiments of historical narratives, allowing students to engage with their heritage in a concrete way. Structures such as ancient mausoleums and traditional houses offer insights into the values, beliefs, and lifestyles of past generations, helping students to appreciate their cultural continuity.

Many architectural monuments serve as symbols of regional identity and historical significance. For example, landmarks like the Karakalpak Fortress or traditional mosques are not only historical sites but also symbols of local resilience and cultural heritage.

Incorporating the study of these monuments into educational curricula enhances students' knowledge of their local history and architecture. Field trips, project-based learning, and interactive workshops centered around these sites can make history more engaging and relevant.

Through learning about the architectural styles, construction techniques, and historical contexts of these monuments, students gain a deeper understanding of their cultural heritage and its significance. This educational exposure helps cultivate a sense of belonging and pride in their regional identity.

CONCLUSION

Historical architectural monuments play a pivotal role in shaping the cultural and emotional landscape of students in the Republic of Karakalpakstan. These monuments are not only physical remnants of the past but also powerful symbols that connect students to their heritage, foster a sense of belonging, and enrich their educational experiences. Through the study and engagement with these historical sites, students gain valuable insights into their cultural history, which enhances their understanding of local traditions and values.

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