

THE TALE OF SINUHE AS A SOURCE FOR KNOWLEDGE OF EGYPTIAN HISTORY AND INSPIRATION FOR THE NOVEL *SINUHE THE EGYPTIAN*

Summary

The Tale of Sinuhe is the most famous literature work of the Ancient Egypt. Unknown autor, in literature often referred to as the Shakespeare of the Middle Kingdom, wrote this tale during the reign of the 12th dynasty. Interesting story and elegant style of writing made this work extremely popular in the Ancient Egypt. Since the Tale of Sinuhe became an object of historiographic researches, there have been many discussions concerning interpretations and meanings of the Tale itself. Despite all of that, the Tale of Sinuhe has been an important part of popular culture all over the world since the mid 20th century.

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