

The Depiction of Africa in Turkish Geography Textbooks of Turkey During the Period of Transition from Empire to Republic

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ABSTRACT The aim of this study is to present Africa's perception in the establishment years of Turkish republic through geography textbooks. Geography textbooks written for secondary education institutions were examined by means of a document analysis, which is one of the techniques for qualitative research designs. *Collected data* was examined *through descriptive statistical techniques*. As a result, the findings were interpreted by considering the relevant literature, and some suggestions related with stakeholders were presented. Being acknowledged by the opinions that the perception of Africa was based on during the foundation of the Republic of Turkey will contribute to both, revising textbooks and to geography education.