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b. open topics

c. The travel diary to Greece of Francisco de Miranda 1786

d. 20 minutes

e. Despite the enormous scholarly interest in travel literature involving Greece -a literature which abounded from the 16th Century to the 19th Century – the travel diary of Francisco de Miranda who visited Greece in 1786 has received little attention in the Spanish and English speaking world. Miranda, a Venezuelan precursor of Latin America independence is an important if unusual figure: he effectively appropriated classical influences and classical precedents to legitimise the military struggle for Independence in Latin America and to facilitate the construction of a "criollo identity". his library and intellectual formation, as well as his life as a soldier and traveler is the subject of this presentation.