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The bachelor thesis „Battle of Bannockburn as a contribution to the shaping of Scottish Independence“ deals with the history of Scotland during the First War of Scottish Independence. In this period, the Scots were fighting against their English enemies for many years and in the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314 they almost won their independence. However, the independence was officially recognised fourteen years later. To understand the causes of Scotland's warfare, the thesis first describes the period to the early years of the 14th century, when Scots competed especially with King Edward I of England, who wanted to subdue their kingdom. Further, the thesis focuses on the period of reign of Scotland's new king Robert the Bruce. The main aim of this thesis is to analyze the circumstances, consequences and changes represented by the Battle of Bannockburn. The author also focuses on Robert I's role in that war and changes to his position in Scottish society.