

Kazakh Children's Play "Asyk" is their Ancestor's Heritage**Erlan Sydykov, Ulan Umitkaliev, Zylíkha Ibadullayeva and Saltanat Botbaybekova***L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Astana, Kazakhstan, 010000*
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ABSTRACT Kazakh children have been playing "asyk" (playing with lamb bone) from ancient times. Currently, the game still retains its value among the Kazakhs, as it is commonly played among the Turkic-Mongolian people in Eurasian Steppe. This paper is based on materials that researchers have received during excavations in East Kazakhstan in 2014. Researchers found about 140 "asyk" that relate to the primitive era. "Asyk" was in a stone bowl, at the feet of the deceased. Some of the "asyks" had drilled holes. The purpose of this paper is to explore the Kazakh children's game "asyk" and to identify common trends in the culture of the Turkic people. Also, this game marked the beginning of some modern gambling (dice). This fact speaks about its connections to all of humanity and as well has some social functions (people used it in resolving disputes).