

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Title: The Cricketer as a Symbol of the English Gentleman

Length: 31

Text Length: 29

<i>Assessment Criteria</i>	<i>Scale</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1. Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling. It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the examined issue. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
2. The thesis shows the author's appropriate knowledge of the subject matter through the background/review of literature. The author presents information from a variety of quality electronic and print sources. Sources are relevant, balanced and include critical readings relating to the thesis or problem. Primary sources are included (if appropriate).	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
3. The author carefully analyzed the information collected and drew appropriate and inventive conclusions supported by evidence. Ideas are richly supported with accurate details that develop the main point. The author's voice is evident.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The character of the thesis is informative rather than analytical.
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
6. The text is organized in a logical manner. It flows naturally and is easy to follow. Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as appropriate. The author uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The otherwise commendable use of language and terminology related to the subject is disturbed by a repeatedly wrong word order of sentences throughout. Transitions and summaries are mostly non/existent.

7. The language use is precise. The student makes proficient use of language in a way that is appropriate for the discipline and/or genre in which the student is writing.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
8. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The thesis uses non-standard (nonAPA) format throughout. Font, colour of headlines, italics, underscoring.

Final Comments & Questions

The thesis deals with a very interesting, and, in these parts, a rarely researched topic. It presents a range of both historical information and up to date facts related to the issue of cricket . The research itself was apparently quite demanding and the student deserves to be praised for that. The document, however, mostly merely presents most of these facts. Still, its main research question concerning the lasting image of an English gentleman as a cricketer has been proved. Although there is still a potential for further research in this field, as it is at the moment, the presented text may be evaluated as a (very)good thesis.

My first question concerns the aparent limited or (non)existence of sources about the game in the Czech language. Are there any? Has cricket ever been played in this country?

My other question aims at the literary and art works mentioned in the text – perhaps some could have been used in appendices for better illustration – could the author speak about at least one as part of her defence?

Reviewer: Magdaléna Potočňáková, Ph.D.

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