

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric
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Title: *Anthropomorphisation of Animal Characters in 20th Cent. Brit. Fiction – K. Grahame, G. Orwell, R. Adams*

Length: 72

Text Length: 42

Assessment Criteria	Scale	Comments
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	Given the high standard of the thesis, it is actually quite surprising that very few secondary sources were used, almost exclusively in the theoretical part, and that the author insisted on using Czech authors and publications. No critical readings of the discussed works were consulted.
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	
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	

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	While contentwise, there is hardly anything to object to, the formal aspects of the thesis could still be improved – references should be converted to APA format, running head of CH6 extends to Conclusion&References pages. Binding (though not the student's fault) also bears marks of negligence – flyleaf missing, "zadání BP" bound reversely.

Final Comments & Questions

This is an exceptional thesis, both as far as its methodology and the actual analysis are concerned. It should also be noted, that the research and writing were done largely by the student himself, with minimum guidance or interference of the supervisor. The topic is the student's own as well, though originally, only the last of the examined texts, Richard Adams' *Watership Down*, was supposed to be analysed, which would offer more space for a deeper and complex treatment of the issue. Nevertheless, the two other books complement well the above novel and offer the possibility of a comparative approach. The next thing to be appreciated is the extensive appendix of visual material, which is an integral part of the thesis argument. What makes this thesis special is also a limited use of secondary sources in the "practical"/analytical part. This makes the student's achievement even more valuable, but on the other hand, the confrontation of the presented text with critical readings related to the discussed books might further enrich the thesis. Last but not least, it should be noted that the thesis is a pleasure to read thanks to its precise language and elegant style.

Suggested grade: excellent/výborně

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