

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Title: Understanding Cultural Assimilation Through the English-Speaking International Film

Midsommar

Length: 30

Text Length: 26

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	There is a strong thesis sentence here that thematically organizes the dp
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	The topic of empathy could have been further developed
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The topic of empathy could have been further developed.
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	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient	

author uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	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	

Final Comments & Questions

The author is to be proud of his hard work and comprehensive reading of the text. The introduction and the thesis argument especially unify the thesis and make it work on a thematic level. I feel that the prose is tight and strong and the author is a talented writer, but the text could have actually used some digression and expansion. The text threatens to fall short of the min. word count. There is so much more to explore with the topic of empathy, for instance, ToM (Theory of Mind) or many of the ways empathy for people like us tends to make us prejudiced against people not like us. This is directly handled in the text but could use much further research. As only the conclusion really asserts this. There is a lot of research and secondary psychological material like the work of Paul Bloom that could have filled out the author's argument. I think more criticism on the review level would have been preferable to the biographical material that takes up so much room in the introduction and opening chapter. The space dedicated to the director's first film *Hereditary* could have been used to much better advantage. Surely the films bear themes in common such as alienation and terror of family. To say *Midsommer* is the opposite of its predecessor, doesn't really do the connection between the two films justice. *Hereditary* is less critical as a part of Aster's cv than it is as another film about dangerous families. Still, despite these minor flaws, I think the thesis is very controlled and well-written, well-researched, and an excellent example of APA academic format. The author is worthy of high praise.

Suggested mark: 1

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