

**Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric**  
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Title: J.R.R. Tolkien's influence of fantasy literature

Length: 33pp                      Text Length: 31pp.

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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.	Acceptable	It is not easy to distinguish between Pilipuk's aims and the aims of this thesis. Formally, the past tense used in the thesis overview is slightly confusing.
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).	Very good	
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.	Acceptable	I would appreciate dating of the analyzed novels and giving basic information about their authors (nationality, age) as well as presenting the discussed maps in appendices.
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Acceptable	There is a number of well-chosen issues and facts discussed, perhaps a focus on fewer issues would allow a deeper analysis
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Very good	
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.	Somewhat deficient	Generally, the text flows naturally, but there are numerous grammatical mistakes (incorrect use of articles, prepositions, conjunctions, tenses).
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.	Acceptable	
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.	Very good	

**Final Comments & Questions**

The thesis demonstrates the author's interest in and knowledge of the discussed genre. Its aim – to analyze the impact of Tolkien's work on modern fantasy literature - seems very ambitious for an undergraduate thesis, the author tries to include many issues, which sometimes results in superficiality of the analysis.

Question: What criteria for the selection of the novels influenced by Tolkien were used?

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