

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Title: The First Thanksgiving

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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	
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	Sometimes I fail to see the point the author is making, or maybe she swerves in places where a more full analysis would be useful.
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	See above
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	Good, but isn't courage "special?"
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	There are some awkward phrases in the thesis, still the diploma displays a high level of dedication and hard work.

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	As before, I found some contradictions in the language, but I think these come from translation problems.
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

I think there is much to be praised in this thesis. The author has show a great willingness to work to build and argumentative thesis and the depth of her research is clear. There are some issues of economics that I think could further depth, and there is some confusing and contradictory language. I don't quite understand why the author wants to make Thanksgiving "nothing special" or like other holidays when the original thesis seemed to be that it was uniquely America because it was different than Christmas and Easter. If the commercialism of Christmas and Easter have made it just another holiday, I wish this dynamic could have been more clearly illustrated. Otherwise, the author is to be praised for her hard work and dedication to this project.

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