

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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 Title: Childhood in Romantic Poetry
 Length: 52
 Text Length: 44

<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	There are good points in the introduction which catch the reader's attention but it would profit from focusing more on the actual outline of the present work.
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	The research done by the author is broad, especially in the general background section. Given the circumstances and relative academic (in)experience, it may be considered somewhat deficient in terms of contemporary critical readings of individual poems.
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	Some of the information presented (namely of biographical nature) was not actually intended for analysis, some concerned general aspects of the poet's works, some remained at the stage of being presented with a value judgment attached rather than analyzed. Still, a close reading and at least attempted analysis of poems are undeniable.
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	The approach adopted in this thesis inclines rather to the older type of studies, which pay more attention to general aspects related to the studied issue (e.g. included biographical sections).
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	Given the actual content of the work, the conclusion is adequate.
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	Looking at the content, the organization of the thesis is clear and logical, individual chapters, however, do a bit worse in terms of cohesion. Occasional mistakes do not prevent understanding .

<p>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.</p>	<p>Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient</p>	<p>The language used throughout may not in places comply with the currently expected "critical idiom" but the student still manages to communicate her views sufficiently clearly.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient</p>	

Final Comments & Questions

This thesis may not be the best example of currently expected student's academic paper, but it represents a worthwhile beginner's opus. There are aspects of the work, which could be, and admittedly, should have been paid more attention during the research and actual writing, and this must be obviously reflected in the overall evaluation. Still, it is a bachelor thesis which with respect to the amount of research and complexity of the issue, is likely to meet the required criteria stated in vyhláška děkanky VD 11/2012, in the sense, that these shortcomings do not prevent proper understanding of the thesis ideas.

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