

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric
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Title: The original Star Wars trilogy: American cultural heritage

Length: 39pp

Text Length: 36pp.

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.	Very good	Introduction gives a historical background of the discussed film and a brief overview of the thesis.
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	The thesis demonstrates the author's familiarity with numerous sources, mostly electronic ones. I would appreciate a more substantial use of the primary source – the film trilogy itself.
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.	Very good	
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Acceptable	The reader can sometimes get overwhelmed by the amount of facts, dates and technical details.
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Very good	Conclusion appropriately summarizes the main findings.
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.	Acceptable	Generally, the text flows naturally, though due to the 'technical' rather than literary focus and a certain overlap in the content of particular chapters, it is not always easy to follow. Spelling, grammar and punctuation are very good.
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	
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 profound knowledge of the discussed genre, and is written in an intelligent way. Still, I hoped that more attention would be given to the film itself.

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