

Graduate Thesis Assessment Rubric (Methodology, Linguistics)
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Title: ANIMALS AS THE MAIN CHARACTERS IN CLASSIC FAIRY TALES

Length: 48

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<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 problem. It places the problem in context. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding <u>Very good</u> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	Despite the rather personal tone at the beginning of the
2. Literature review is comprehensive and complete. It synthesizes a variety of sources and provides context for the research. It shows the author's understanding of the most relevant literature on the subject matter.	Outstanding <u>Very good</u> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
3. The methodology chapter provides clear and thorough description of the research methodology. It discusses why and what methods were chosen for research. The research methodology is appropriate for the identified research questions.	Outstanding <u>Very good</u> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	a kind of a double "research" was actually carried out – one resulting in the presented analysis of animal characters (pp.21-28) and the other carried out in the classroom.
4. The results/data are analyzed and interpreted effectively. The chapter ties the theory with the findings. It addresses the applications and implications of the research. It discusses strengths, weaknesses, and limitations of the research.	Outstanding <u>Very good</u> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	ditto
5. The thesis shows critical and analytical thinking about the area of study and the author's expertise in this area.	Outstanding Very good <u>Acceptable</u> 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 author demonstrates high quality writing skills and uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Outstanding <u>Very good</u> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	

<p>7. 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 <u>Acceptable</u> Somewhat deficient Very deficient</p>	<p>The thesis with its hardly 40 pages is a rather short specimen.</p>
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Final Comments & Questions

This is a solid, down-to-earth work showing sufficient awareness of the relevant theoretical context. It meets the above criteria sufficiently to be regarded a (very) good work – on the basis of a potential successful defense.

Reviewer: Magdaléna Potočňáková, Ph.D.

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