

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Title: London in Fiction of Charles Dickens

Length: 34

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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 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	
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
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	
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	

<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>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 work represents the type of thesis, which successfully draws on both, social history and fiction, presenting data alongside images in an engaging, well-informed text. The author used an impressive range of secondary material, which enabled her to provide the reader with a vivid context of selected Dicken's novels, represented by aptly chosen excerpts. It deals mostly with the negative aspects of Victorian London, from pollution to poorhouses, prostitution, prisons and (capital) punishment, which is obviously and attractive focus for a potential reader. The thesis has gone through a long process of shaping until it reached its present form, but it was definitely worth the effort. Suggested grade: excellent (with a view to hearing more details of the research at the defense).

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