

Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Thesis Author: Jan Klatovský
 Title: Historical development of British Conservative Party
 Length: 34 pages
 Text Length: 30 pages

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	The list of references contains too many items from the <i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i> than is advisable.
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	For the most part the thesis is little more than a summary of information.
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	Too short – and to describe the work as 'comprehensive' is rather wishful thinking.
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	

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	
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	Chapter Two is absurd and would have been better incorporated with Chapter Three.

Final Comments & Questions

The work offers a reasonable, if unspectacular, description of the development of the British Conservative Party.

Question

In his conclusion the author provides a somewhat eccentric personal assessment of the Conservative Party and one wonders to what extent his judgment is influenced by his being on the outside looking in, so to speak. Not that there is anything wrong with that, but it is a curious fact that Margaret Thatcher – who, some commentators would claim, caused enormous damage to the fabric of British society, the effects of which are still being felt today – is probably more respected abroad than in her home country. It might also be argued that the ‘affluence’ of which the author speaks remains in the hands of a chosen few and Britain is becoming an increasingly divided society as a result.

Recommended mark: Good

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