



POSUDEK OPONENTA BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura (dvouoborové studium)**

Název práce: **Elements of Transcendentalism in Chuck Palahniuk's *Fight Club***

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Stručná charakteristika práce

This thesis compares *Fight Club* with Transcendentalism.

Celkové zhodnocení

This thesis does a very competent job comparing these texts/theories. This comparison requires a strong understanding of all the texts involved, and especially the mastery of not only Transcendentalism in general but also some of the individual key texts is impressive. There are parts of the thesis where the comparison is brought to some very interesting and well supported insights.

What is missing from this thesis to my mind is at least an attempt at a larger contribution to the academic discussion of such texts and theories. The thesis is forthright and clear in stating the limitations of this study, which mitigates this concern somewhat. The thesis also useful categorizes the local conclusions stemming from the comparisons. But I still feel that, at the end of the B.A. program, a student should be able to have an argumentative main idea in the B.A. thesis, which is systematically supported throughout the thesis. It is true that the conclusions of the comparisons are possible arguments in that other critics could disagree with the statements. But little support is really offered for these statements; in the end they are presented as obvious results of the comparisons completed. This spirit of having an unique, creative idea that the writer is interested in justifying and committed to convincing the reader of is missing here, which is unfortunate.

The thesis is also very well written. I recommend that the thesis be defended, but because of the lack of an attempt to contribute to the academic discussion on these issues, I suggest a grade lower than the highest.

Práci **doporučuji** k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **velmi dobře**

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Podpis