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POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

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

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

Autorka práce: **Tereza Filipová**

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Stručná charakteristika práce

In her thesis Tereza Filipová offers a reading of one of the major text of the 1990s – Chuck Palahniuk's novel *Fight Club*, focusing on the ways in which certain fundamental transcendentalist principles, namely individualism and the criticism of materialism and of authorities, are re-shaped and re-imagined in it. After a brief summary of the role of Transcendentalism in the context of its era, the first part of the thesis introduces *Fight Club* as a critical portrayal of the contemporary society, focusing on the problems of family, gender, and corporations. The core of the thesis are the three chapters which examine *Fight Club* in relation to H. D. Thoreau's *Walden*, to "Civil Disobedience", and to R. W. Emerson's "Self-Reliance".

Celkové zhodnocení

Tereza has chosen a challenging topic for her thesis, requiring a deep knowledge not only of the novel analyzed but of the transcendentalist texts on the background of which she has decided to read the novel. She has coped with the challenge very well, producing a work which offers interesting insights both into Palahniuk's novel and the transcendentalists' essays, and it also brings up the fundamental role transcendentalist thought has formed American culture until our time. Tereza's English style is very good, too, and the work reads well and flows naturally. She pays close attention to the texts analyzed and sees fresh and inspiring connections between works which seem rather different, yet share many concern, and all of them are fundamentally American.

Tereza worked on her thesis diligently, with very little help from my part; however, she was able to deal with whatever suggestions and comments I offered in the process. I appreciate her handling of the secondary sources, which she uses professionally and creatively.

Overall, the thesis fulfills all the requirements and it is my pleasure to recommend it for defense.

Práci **doporučuji** k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **výborně**

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Podpis