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Short characteristics of the thesis

The aim of this thesis is to analyse Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* saga from the sociological point of view. In particular, it focuses on the nine members of the Fellowship of the Ring and attempts to analyse their group behaviour and individual evolution. In the first part of the thesis the author provides a summary of basic sociological approaches to group theory, while in later chapters she narrows her attention to Tolkien's work.

Overall assessment

The work is well presented and reads well too. However, much cannot be said about the thesis as it itself does not say much. The sociological introduction, which takes about eighteen pages, i.e. nearly half of the work, is a pretty basic summary of a sociological textbook and the author often says things that are banal. "We can distinguish between two types of groups based on their size. Groups can be either small or large" — seriously? Banality is often described with descriptiveness: "They are able to walk quietly without leaving any traces. They love nature and animals and this love can be seen in the fact that they do not feel the need to use saddles or bridles when riding horses".

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

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