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POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: Učitelství anglického jazyka a literatury pro střední školy (dvouoborové

navazující studium)

Název práce: The Development of the Tristanian Legend: A Comparative Study

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Short characteristics of the thesis

Nikola has written a comparative study of the Tristanian legend from the beginnings to the modern period. As a student of both English and French, the author offers a comprehensive overview of the development of the legend, from its oral roots to the numerous adaptations of the story in both of the mentioned languages. References to the versions beyond this context (in Germany, in the Czech lands, in Scandinavia and elsewhere) are also included. The study stresses the core elements of the narrative and analyses those moments that differ or evolve in various versions. Towards the end of the study, Nikola includes a chapter on the different ways the legend can be used in EFL classes. The conclusion of the thesis summarizes all the main points of the analysis, while emphasizing the timeless appeal of the story.

Overall assessment

On the whole, the thesis is written in a readable style and in decent English. Nikola spent a fair amount of time reading and analyzing the different versions of the legend, and the final text provides an interesting and informative summary of its development. As a student specializing in EFL, she also sees a potential in using the text in classes of English for secondary school students.

The main problem of the text is an unclear balance between the descriptive and analytical parts of the thesis. At times the thesis spends far too much time with relatively minor elements of the narrative, while lacking in a broader analysis of the lines of development in the various historical periods.

Nevertheless, I do recommend the thesis for defence and suggest the following grade: very good (velmi dobře).

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