



POSUDEK VEDOUcíHO BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglický jazyk a literatura – Estetika**

Název práce: **Analysis of the novel Dracula**

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Stručná charakteristika práce / Short characteristics of the thesis

The thesis aims to elucidate the cultural and historical contexts that turned Bram Stoker's *Dracula* and its eponymous villain into a success in late Victorian England. It builds upon an impressive amount of scholarly research to expound on the meanings of geography, sexuality, gender roles, and power relations in the novel. It shows how the novel evokes contemporary fears and anxieties, from national rivalries to social change.

Celkové zhodnocení / Overall assessment

Michaela has chosen to tackle the scholarly study of a novel that has been the focus of numerous studies in the last couple of decades. It was a pleasure to see how she expanded the horizons of the thesis as she was writing it to encompass a growing amount of perspectives and cultural associations. She has clearly demonstrated her ability to conduct independent research, as she pursued the initial suggestions raised during our 'brain storm' meetings on her own and came up with intriguing findings which she was able to synthesise into a coherent picture. This is particularly true with regards to her interest in the geographical layout of the novel and its treatment of Slavic nations, on which she expanded with great detail. I would finally like to complement Michaela on her writing skills, as her English is at a high level and she writes clearly and fluently.

Looking at the thesis as a whole and with the benefit of hindsight, the usual division into a 'theoretical' part that explains the historical background and a 'practical' part that interprets the novel more directly, was maybe not the best fit for this thesis which is concerned with historical contexts throughout. Therefore if I have to make a suggestion for improvement it would be to re-think the structure to present the research according to topic rather than theory/ interpretation.

Given all of the above I recommend the thesis for defence and suggest the mark **excellent**.

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **v ý b o r n ě**

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Podpis