



POSUDEK OPONENTA BAKALÁŘSKÉ PRÁCE

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

Název práce: **Man and woman: couples in Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Twice-Told Tales***

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1. Short characteristics of the thesis

Ráchel Bubíková's thesis deals with the relationships of men and women in various stages of their lives in Nathaniel Hawthorne's *Twice-Told Tales* (1837, 1842). The author concentrates on the key "rites of passage" in their lives: *expectations* associated with married life, *wedding*, *ordinary life* and *loneliness* related to the phenomenon of parting and death. The work can be characterised as an interpretative essay focused on the way the mentioned topics are developed and understood in the tales. Apart from the *Twice-Told Tales*, the author often refers to Hawthorne's opus magnum *The Scarlet Letter* (1850).

2. Overall assessment

The thesis presents an interesting probe into *Twice-Told Tales*, carefully following the story lines and pointing out the characteristic features of Hawthorne's depiction of the relationships. It is written in a flowing and pleasing style; the chapters logically follow one another and the conclusion manages to summarize the main ideas of the essay. Nevertheless, the thesis creates the impression of hurried work. There are confused sentences (e.g. on p. 17), uncorrected mistakes (i.e., crossed-out words, e.g. p. 17) and some minor problems with punctuation. Contrary to the original project, the thesis consults only two works of secondary literature instead of three. Indeed, the author could have enriched the interpretation by looking at a number of other essays. Moreover, the thesis contains unnecessary personal comments on the nature of men and women that deviate from the analysis of the actual texts in an inappropriate way.

However, I **do recommend** the thesis for the defence and propose the following grade: very good (velmi dobře).

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Podpis