



POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Učitelství pro střední školy: Anglický jazyk a literatura – Dějepis**

Název práce: **“Strange Tales from a Strange Time”: Hunter S. Thompson (1937-2005) and His Reflection of American Society Between 1950s and early 1990s**

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Quality of Research

1) Please rate the following statements about the thesis on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 3 (excellent)

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| 1. The topic of the thesis is suitable for the scope and well defined: | 3 |
| 2. Sets clear goals or questions for research: | 3 |
| 3. Delivers significant research findings: | 2 |
| 4. Demonstrates conceptual clarity and accuracy: | 2 |
| 5. Demonstrates a good understanding of the literary work(s) discussed | 2 |
| 6. Demonstrates a good understanding of the critical field: | 2 |
| 7. Engages with sufficient scholarship in a meaningful way: | 2 |
| 8. Shows independent thinking and originality: | 2 |

2) Comment briefly on the quality of the research presented in the thesis:

Jakub's diploma thesis is a corrected version of his earlier diploma thesis. I believe Jakub did a good job in addressing all the relevant deficiencies of the former version and focused more on the analytical issues as well as on the conceptual clarity of the work.

Quality of Writing

1) Please rate the following statements about the thesis on a scale of 1 (insufficient) to 3 (excellent)

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| 1. Has a clear and suitable structure: | 2 |
| 2. Employs appropriate register and academic style: | 2 |
| 3. Uses correct and relevant terminology: | 2 |
| 4. Adheres to academic thesis guidelines, format and MLA style guide: | 3 |
| 5. Written in correct and fluent English (both grammar and vocabulary): | 2 |
| 6. Carefully edited with few typos or mistakes: | 3 |

2) Comment briefly on the quality of the writing presented in the thesis:

One of the main problems of the earlier version was its rather turgid style, sloppy editing and multiple elements of Czenglish. Jakub clearly spent a lot of time on eliminating these issues. Things could always be better, but on the whole, it is a substantial upgrade.



Overall Review and Assessment

(short description of the thesis and its findings, what has been achieved, and areas for improvement)

As I suggested earlier, Jakub did a good job in addressing the problems we dealt with at the first defence: the focus is now clearer, the scope of discussion broader and – last but not least – the overall goal of the thesis seems to come out better than in the earlier version. I do hope that Jakub has benefitted from these improvements himself as also explored other relevant areas of research: he has managed to come to a clearer assessment of the specific contribution of H. S. Thompson for the reflection of contemporary American society.

In that sense, I believe, he has also managed to achieve the most important objectives of the thesis itself.

Questions for Defence

(please provide two questions for the student to answer during their defence)

How do you see the relevance of gonzo journalism and Hunter S. Thompson in today's context?

How should journalistic texts be approached and assessed from a historical perspective?

Práci doporučuji k obhajobě.

Navrhovaná klasifikace: **velmi dobře**

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Datum

Podpis