

Průběh obhajoby bakalářské práce:

The lengthy 800 page Memoirs by Ulysses S. Grant, Lieutenant General in the Civil War (and later 18th president of the United States) was a best-seller in the 19th century. The student Martin VACLÍK defended his effort of reading not only Grant's Memoirs but also those of his slave-holding wife Julie. The controversy of Grant's wife bringing a slave girl to the military headquarters of the Union commander while soldiers died trying to free slaves was almost appropriately addressed: well after the war had ended, Julie still seemed to suggest that slavery was not inherently wrong and Mr. VACLÍK did not reproach her but merely stated that she was ignorant. The details Grant lays out in his Memoirs regarding the many Civil War battles was well done as were the inadequacies and weaknesses of Grant's Memoirs: jealous feuds with fellow Union generals, inaccurate dates of battles or relatively minor numbers of soldiers engaged or killed in action were pointed out. Alcoholism and anti-Semitism were not addressed in the Memoirs which Mr. VACLÍK properly mentions. The resulting work was excellent.

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