



POSUDEK VEDOUCÍHO DIPLOMOVÉ PRÁCE

Studijní obor: **Anglická a americká literatura (maior) – Česko-německá areálová studia**

Název práce: **The Issue of Race in American Literature: A Comparative Study of Mark Twain's 19th Century Novel *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and Kathryn Stockett's Contemporary Work *The Help***

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Short characteristics of the thesis

The present thesis examines representations of race and race relations in two rather influential novels written by two white writers of different gender, published more than a century apart — Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and Kathryn Stockett's *The Help*. Both novels deal with discrimination of African Americans, portraying slavery and the Jim Crow era, respectively. The author provides ample historical background for each novel, explaining in depth the developments that led to the institutional oppression of African Americans, and explores the realist elements in the two novels. In addition, the author discusses problems with the representation of African Americans in these works and their criticism by this community.

Overall assessment

As the supervisor of the thesis, I can only praise Dominika for her diligent and independent work. My comments were really only of structural character and I enjoyed reading the result. The comparison of the two novels is original and although they are written across a large time gap, by authors steeped in different backgrounds, Dominika Landová manages to find and point out similarities that are relevant for interpretation. It is only natural that a thesis of this kind will inspire, or even invite many questions but, as its supervisor, I do not think I should be asking them. I am looking forward to the discussion at the defence of the thesis.

I **do** recommend the thesis for defence and suggest the mark **excellent**.

Práci **doporučuji** k obhajobě.

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