

KATEDRA ANGLISTIKY A AMERIKANISTIKY FF UP V OLOMOUCI
Hodnocení diplomové práce

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Název práce: „Thaddeus Kosciuszko: The Path towards Freedom“

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	Hodnocení A,B,C a F (nevyhovující)	Poznámky
1/ Cíl - záměr: vymezení	A	Kosciuszko is a fascinating figure, well worthy of a Master's thesis
splnění	B	The thesis lacks a certain force, a defining thesis statement
2/ Argumentace (schopnost formulovat východiska a závěry, logická koherence, schopnost generalizace a konkretizace)	C	As stated above, the thesis would have been stronger if it had had a more definitive direction
3/ Znalost primární literatury	A	The candidate obviously did a great amount of research and reading into the life of Kosciuszko
4/ Znalost sekundární literatury (rozsah, adekvátnost)	B	While the secondary literature is adequate to the subject, I would have welcomed some criticism which would have given more insight into Kosciuszko's disappointments in life
5/ Samostatnost (schopnost odborné polemiky, kritický úsudek), originalita	A/B	
6/ Formální úroveň (dodržování zvolené bibliografické normy)	A/B	Fine except for alphabetization of "The"
7/ Jazyková a stylistická úroveň práce	A/B	
8/ Jazyková a stylistická úroveň resumé	A	Well done - manages to be critical and personal at the same time
9/ Typografické provedení, úprava	A*	*Excellent, except for the missing title page in Czech, and the annotation, which should be at the end
10/ Poznámka k práci	viz dole	

Připomínky a otázky k obhajobě:

This is a fairly solid thesis on the life of a key figure in the American Revolution, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, a product of the Enlightenment. His passion for freedom is contrasted with the political limitations of the time in Europe. It is clear that the author has her own passion for the theme, which links to both her home and the subject of her studies.

The amount of research which went into the thesis is impressive, including visits to libraries in Poland, and literature in English, Polish, Belarusian and Russian.

The section which fascinated me most was the correspondence between Kosciuszko and

Jefferson, and the implications of what Jefferson thought he could write as President and afterwards. Also, I had no idea that Jefferson's financial problems were solved by Jefferson "borrowing" Kosciuszko's military wages - fascinating!

Questions:

1. You write in your conclusion that you feel Kosciuszko was half-successful: given the political climate in Europe of the time, isn't "half-success" a success? Would an American-style revolution have been possible?
2. What did you learn from your research that surprised you? After your research are you more critical of Kosciuszko, or more of a fan?
3. What is your opinion of Jefferson, now that you know more about his life?

Závěr:

Práce je - ~~není~~ - doporučena k obhajobě.

Navržený klasifikační stupeň: A/B

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