

Department of English and American Studies, FF UP OLOMOUČ
MA Thesis Evaluation by Thesis Opponent

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Title: Charlotte Brontë: Her Development as a Writer and Common Features of Her Novels

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	Grade A, B, C, D, E, F (F = fail)	Notes
1/ Aim/Goal: definition	C	Well defined but I have my doubts about usefulness of the rather general and notoriously over-researched topic.
accomplishment	B	The biography part shows good knowledge of the subject matter, the literary analysis could be more insightful.
2/ Argumentation (ability to accurately form initial and closing arguments, logical coherence, ability to generalize as well as present pertinent specific details)	C	The literary analysis part suffers from rather descriptive approach, the chapters division logic escapes me at times.
3/ Knowledge of primary literature	A	Good.
4/ Knowledge of secondary literature (extent, adequacy)	C	Considering the plethora of the studies devoted to the topic, could be more extensive
5/ Originality (in argumentation, critical approach and conclusions)	C	Mostly descriptive and predictable.
6/ Formal level (adhering to citation and bibliographic standards)	B	No major mistakes found.
7/ Stylistic level of the thesis	B	Adequate
8/ Stylistic level of the summary	C	Czech grammar and stylistics don't seem to be the author's forte.
9/ Typography, graphic appearance, freedom from errors	B	Adequate
10 / Thesis's contribution to the field	D	The time and effort should have been spent on something more interesting and original.

Comments and Questions for the defense:

In what way is, in the author's opinion, the thesis innovative and contributes something new to the field of Brontë research?

How would the thesis' author "sell" Brontë's work to contemporary readers? (i.e. what are the timeless elements in Brontë's work?)

Conclusion:

The thesis is recommended for oral defense.

Suggested classification (A, B, C, D, E, F): **B-C**

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