

## Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric

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Title: Analysis of *Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid Using Intercultural Knowledge

Length: 30

Text Length: 26

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling. It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the examined issue. It presents and overview of the thesis.	<b>Outstanding</b> Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
2. The thesis shows the author's appropriate knowledge of the subject matter through the background/review of literature. The author presents information from a variety of quality electronic and print sources. Sources are relevant, balanced and include critical readings relating to the thesis or problem. Primary sources are included (if appropriate).	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
3. The author carefully analyzed the information collected and drew appropriate and inventive conclusions supported by evidence. Ideas are richly supported with accurate details that develop the main point. The author's voice is evident.	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
6. The text is organized in a logical manner. It flows naturally and is easy to follow. Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as appropriate. The	<b>Outstanding</b> Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	

author uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.		
7. The language use is precise. The student makes proficient use of language in a way that is appropriate for the discipline and/or genre in which the student is writing.	<b>Outstanding</b> Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
8. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	<b>Outstanding</b> Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	Although the thesis appears too short, it meets the minimum requirements.

#### Final Comments & Questions

This is an excellent thesis that deserves the grade 1 (**výborně**). At the outset it places Mohsin Hamid's book in the context of magic realism, touching on that device's use in postcolonial literature. It offers insightful analysis of refugee movement and camps, relating these to general issues of intercultural communication. It draws judiciously on a range of secondary works, weaving them into the argument well. The comparisons made with sci-fi movies were apt and helped clarify the argument. In general the prose is fluent and clear; it would seem like the student has made good use of AI to eliminate errors and infelicities. Two small notes: over the page break of pp. 21-22 two short paragraphs seem to repeat; elsewhere Amitava Kumar is wrongly identified as female.

Reviewer: doc. Justin Quinn Ph.D.

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