

**Abstract:**

This bachelor's thesis consists of scientific literature compilation and research design. At the beginning of the theoretical part, defense mechanisms are characterized together with their possible classifications. The next section describes various types of methods that are used for defense mechanism assessment. In the following, two methods for each of these types are mentioned in detail, together with research concerning their validity, if such exist. Besides that, more defense mechanism assessment methods, used for children, are mentioned. The next topics covered in this thesis are defense mechanism characteristics in school-age children and defense mechanism development. Results compiled from large body of research are mentioned in this section. In the final chapter a research design is presented. It concentrates on comparison of defense mechanism assessment using Fairy Tale Test and Defense Mechanism Manual.