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The title of thesis is "Using Project Based Learning Technique in Teaching Writing of the Eleventh Grade Students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI" The objective of this study was to find out whether or not it is effective of using project based learning in teaching writing a recount text of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI. The method used in this research was true experimental method. The population of this research was all the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI which consisted of 6 classes. The total number of population was 149 students. The samples taken out were 42 students from 149 students by using purposive sampling. The divided into the experimental and control group. The data were collected by using written test, those were pretest and posttest. The result of the test was analyzed by paired sample t-Test and independent sample t-test. The analyses provide that teaching recount text using project based learning on writing achievement help students in understanding recount text better. The mean or average in posttest of experimental group 76,548. It was higher than the mean or average posttest of the control group which was 67,381 and the result of t-obtained was 2,820. At the significant level p<0.05 for two tailed test and degree of freedom was 40, t-table was 2,021. Since the value of t-obtained was higher than t-table, so that null hypothesis (H<sub>o</sub>) was rejected and alternative hypothesis (H<sub>a</sub>) was accepted. It can be stated that using project based learning technique in teaching writing is effective than conventional or usual way of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI.

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## **CHAPTER I**

## INTRODUCTION

This chapter consists of (1) background of the study, (2) problem of the study, (3) objective of the study, (4) significant of the study, and (5) hypotheses of the study.

# A. Background of the Study

In Indonesia, English is the first foreign language to be taught through out the school. The students must learn English because it is a compulsory subject especially in senior high school. Writing is one of the four language skills which are used to communicate indirectly that can be improved and developed by giving a good English education program.

According to Brown (2001) writing is a process of thinking in which the written language is the result from writers figure out and what they thoughts (p.337). It means that the process of thinking takes a long time, the writers are asked to explore their knowledge, experiences, or memories to find and then determine a topic to write.

Harmer (2004) argues that teaching writing is focused on something such as language practice in expressing our feelings and may help the students to express their thought on paper. Writing encourages the students to focus on accurate language use because they think as they writing, it may well provoke language development as they resolve problems which the writing puts into their minds. Writing also the most difficult language skill to be learned because writing needs hard thinking to procedure idea, think and words.

In fact, the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI face many difficulties when they begin writing especially in writing recount text. Peter (2005) a recount is a piece of text retells past events, usually in the order in which they happened. It has a purpose in which it gives the audience a description of what occurred and when it occurred. Formally, recounts are sequential texts that do little more than sequence a series of events. Indeed, it is impossible to tell a story unless the researcher see that there are characters set up in a particular time and

place, although many post modern narratives play with these conventions (p.223). Recount text is not only common used at school, but used in real life through media written such as newspaper, diary, biography, magazine, etc.

Based on the researcher's observation at UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI that twenty one students had some problems in learning writing. They had difficulty to choose the appropriate words in writing, to arrange words in the appropriate order, and to write the sentences in appropriate grammar. Because of the problems above, they got low scores in writing.

To overcome those problems, the researcher tried to find out the best technique in teaching writing and can made students be active in teaching and learning process. One of the methods that the researcher applied in teaching writing is project based learning. As stated by Larmer, Mergendoller, & Boss (2015) project based learning is an instructional strategy that can enable you and your students to go beyond content coverage and develop the deep understandings and success skills needed to thrive in today's complex world (p.22). It is also suitable for the goal of curriculum 2013 that produces faithful, creative, innovative, affective citizen and can contribute to the society.

Some of the advantages of project based learning are it promotes such important skills as group work, autonomous learning, self-assessment skill, time planning, project work or oral and written expression skills also improves student scores, which translates into better academic performance and greater persistence in the study. this technique provides opportunities for students to build these qualities, as well as more deeply learn traditional academic content and understand how it applies to the real world. It can confidently state that project based learning is a powerful teaching method that does motivates students, prepares students for college, careers, and citizenship, helps students meet standards and do well on tests that ask students to demonstrate in-depth knowledge and thinking skills, allows teachers to teach in a more satisfying way, provides schools and districts with new ways to communicate and to connect with parents, communities, and the wider world.

Based on the explanation, the researcher was very interested in conducting out a research entitled :"Using Project Based Learning Technique in Teaching Writing of The Eleventh Grade Students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI".

## **B.** Problem of the Study

Related on the background above, the researcher was intended to solve the student's problems in learning English especially in writing. The students had difficulties in choosing the appropriate words and to write the sentences in appropriate grammar. Because of the problems above, they got low scores in writing.

### 1. Limitation of the Problem

In this study, the researcher was limited to using project based learning in teaching writing a recount text of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI.

## 2. Formulation of the Problem

Based on the limitation of the problem, This study was formulated on the following question: is it effective of using project based learning in teaching writing a recount text of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI?

## C. Objective of the Study

In order to answer the question above, the objective of the study was to find out whether or not is it effective of using project based learning in teaching writing a recount text of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI.

## D. Significance of the Study

The significance of the study may be useful for the following parties:

Theoretically: this study is expected to enhance empirical support to the existing theories, literature, and scientific research findings of project based learning strategy in teaching writing especially on recount text.

- Practically: The findings may be useful for the following practice.
- a. For the researcher: who are interested with the same topic can used as a reference.
- b. For the Students of English Department: to enrich their knowledge about project based learning strategy on recount text.
- c. For the English teachers: this research can be used by the English teachers as a reference to teach their students about project based learning strategy on recount text.
- d. To the other researchers: Can be reference of strategies that used in teaching writing for the next author and also can help in teaching writing process by using this strategies.

# E. Hypotheses of the Study

The hypotheses of this study started below:

- a. The null hypotheses (H<sub>0</sub>): it is not effective to teach writing using project based learning technique in teaching writing a recount text of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI.
- b. The alternative hypotheses (H<sub>a</sub>): it is effective to teach writing using project based learning technique in teaching writing a recount text of the eleventh grade students of UPT SMA Negeri 17 OKI.

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