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**A STUDY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT BASED  
LEARNING IN TEACHING WRITING TO ENGLISH EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT STUDENTS OF STKIP PGRI BLITAR  
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**Abstrak:** Artikel ini membahas tentang pembelajaran berbasis proyek dalam pengajaran writing di kelas. Kelas pada saat sekarang berbeda dengan kelas satu dasawarsa yang lalu. Kelas pada saat sekarang terdapat computer, LCD proyektor, iPods, papan pintar dan jenis-jenis teknologi lain. Dunia digital menawarkan banyak hal. Seiring dengan berkembangnya media digital, berkembang pula pendidikan untuk para siswa. Kita akan melihat para guru menyampaikan instruksi melalui berbagai model pembelajaran. Ada beragam media belajar yang inovatif yang dapat digunakan guru untuk memotivasi siswa-siswanya. Wattpad adalah salah satu aplikasi yang menyediakan kesempatan kepada para penulis untuk menulis, mempromosikan dan membantu pekerjaan mereka yang mencakup pembaca dari berbagai jenjang usia yang berjumlah lebih dari jutaan pengguna. Pada pembelajaran ini siswa menghasilkan karya mereka berupa beberapa jenis essay dan diunggah ke wattpad.

**Kata Kunci:** teknologi dalam kelas, wattpad, kemampuan menulis

**Abstract:** This article discusses the implementation of Project Based Learning in teaching writing in the classroom. Today's classroom is different from a decade ago. Today's classrooms have computers, LCD projectors, iPods, smart boards and other types of technology in the classroom. The digital world has so much to offer. As digital tools improve, so does the education for our students. We will see teachers delivering instruction through multifaceted modes of learning. There are many new innovative tools that many teachers can use to motivate the students. Wattpad is one of applications which provide the writers an opportunity to write, promote and help their work reach across a wide and varied audience of more than a million users. In this teaching learning process, the students create some different kinds of essay which they upload to Wattpad.

**Key Words:** technology in the classroom, wattpad, writing skill.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Today's classrooms are different from a decade ago. Classrooms are moving away from traditional rows and textbooks to a more transformative digital learning environment. Tomorrow's

classrooms will require students to be strong digital citizens, and educators will be the ones who teach them how to do so. It is an effective way to use technology and digital resources in teaching English for success in the long term. In teaching English, listening and speaking are

receptive skills while speaking and writing are productive skills. All of those skills are advanced in the process of teaching and learning English. In the process of teaching and learning English, writing ability is the most complicated language skills to be learned in almost every level of education.

The teachers or lecturers need to work harder to teach writing in this digital era. It is quite overwhelming. The students are still working with the same lesson, but the teachers or lecturers are leading them to use different method. The teachers or lecturers need to involve technology in the classroom. It will turn boring and non-innovative lessons into fun and engaging ones.

According to Nation (2009:113) writing is an activity that can usefully be prepared for by work in the other skills of listening, speaking and reading. This preparation can make it possible for words that have been used receptively to come into productive use. For example, in English for academic purposes programmed, learners can be involved in keeping issue logs which are a kind of project work. Based on the curriculum in English Department of STKIP PGRI Blitar, Writing is taught for the third grade students is Advanced Writing. In this semester their writing skill is getting better, but their courage to write need to be explored. Their writing is only read by the lecturers

and their friends. So, they are challenged to write in social media.

The digital world has so much to offer. As digital tools improve, so does the education for our students. There are many new innovative tools that many teachers can use to motivate the students. Wattpad is one of applications which provide the writers an opportunity to write, promote and help their work reach across a wide and varied audience of more than a million users. Wattpad is a community for readers and writers where they can read and write many genres, fiction, nonfiction, spiritual, etc. Therefore, the writer uses this application to teach advanced writing.

### **Project Based Learning**

Students work on a project over an extended period of time – from a week up to a semester – that engages them in solving a real-world problem or answering a complex question. They demonstrate their knowledge and skills by developing a public product or presentation for a real audience. As a result, students develop deep content knowledge as well as critical thinking, creativity, and communication skills in the context of doing an authentic, meaningful project. Project Based Learning unleashes a contagious, creative energy among students and teachers.

## **Writing Skill**

In the teaching learning process, language skill is divided into listening, speaking, reading and writing. In each of the four skills, we have linguistic unit and system in the realm of vocabulary, phonology, morphology and syntax. Language learners need to learn these components so they can recognize and produce grammatically in correct sentence. Writing is a difficult task because it requires special skills in the production. The special skills are in the choice of words, the use of structure and mechanic of writing. To be able to choose the right words means that you must have a large number of vocabularies in which you know what all the words mean and how they should be used. The writer can tell the reader clearly and exactly without wasting words. Besides using the right diction, to write well also means to avoid making mistakes in grammar.

Teaching writing is more difficult than teaching other language skills. The teachers have to teach the students not only about the element of writing but also building their writing habits. According to O'Malley and Pierce (1995:136) teacher judgment has always played an important role in the assessment of writing. Teacher asks students to write on any number of topics and then assess the substantive information contained in the message, the clarity of the message

conveyed, and the mechanics of writing (spelling, capitalization, and punctuation). Teachers typically define the topics for writing, establish the criteria for evaluating the writing, and grade the writing themselves.

This teacher-centered approach is not surprising given that many teachers have origins in a transmission model of learning and instruction, in which teachers provide the basic knowledge to be imparted to students. The transmission model isolates contents areas in teaching and emphasizes mastery of components skills in sequential order. One by-product of this model has been that students have learned to write in isolation from reading and other activities related to literacy. Another by-product has been that teachers have tended to over-emphasize mechanics (spelling, capitalization, and punctuation) and grammar in their evaluations at the expense of content and meaning in writing (Glazer and Grown 1993 in O'Malley and Pierce 1995:136).

## **WATTPAD**

Today's classrooms have computers, LCD projectors, iPods, smart boards and other types of technology in the classroom. The digital world has so much to offer. As digital tools improve, so does the education for our students. We will see teachers delivering instruction through multifaceted modes of learning. There are many new innovative tools that many teachers



can use to motivate the students. Wattpad is one of applications which provide the writers an opportunity to write, promote and help their work reach across a wide and varied audience of more than a million users. It is a social community for both advanced and amateur writers. It was launched in December 2006. The headquarters of wattpad is in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. (<https://wattpad.com>)

There are many genres which the readers or writers can choose in wattpad. They are real life story, chicklit, adventure, religious, poem, love story, horror, comedy, fan fiction, youth fiction and many more. We can find new authors every day. It is not only great for the writer but also the readers.

### **WATTPAD FOR TEACHING WRITING**

Nowadays, as technology advances, teachers must advances with it. It means professional development courses become particularly important. Students may still be taught the exact same lesson, but today's teachers know that all students learn differently. The teachers must become the great facilitators for the students of this digital era.

Wattpad is one of tools in this digital era which we can use to teach writing. By downloading the application of wattpad, we can post our own writing use smartphone,

tablet or computer. It will be good for our students. They will be motivated to write their story because their writing will be read by many people all over the world. They can create their own this digital book cover. They can choose the genres of the story. Wattpad provides many kinds of genre. Moreover, the readers can give their vote and comment for the writer or author. It will improve their writing ability.

Here are the step by step ways to operate the Wattpad. First, you can create a Wattpad account using your Facebook/Google+ account or e-mail and password. Then download the application from your smart phones or computer. Now you have had Wattpad account, you can fill your profile and write about you and your activity. You can start writing your story and reading many stories. If you write a story, you can start by making your own cover, writing the title, deciding the genre, then writing your story. You can make your story ends in one chapter or some chapters. The readers will give you their vote and comments about your writing. It will help you be better in your next writing.

It has proofed that one evolving technology that could serve as a global writing support group is Wattpad. The Wattpad website claims that Wattpad is a place to discover and share stories. The teachers can teach many kinds of

writing types because Wattpad provides many genres.

To assess the possibilities of Wattpad as a supportive environment for students, I asked 25 students to publish their writing in Wattpad. Their writing varied from fiction, biography, real life to spiritual. The results also varied by the amount of effort they put into gaining a readership. Oktapia Rini gained 25 followers, her stories were read 308 times and 46 voted. Anita gained 21 followers, her stories were read 13 times and 4 voted, and other students got varied results.

Their motivation to write is higher than before. They become more active and creative in writing. Wattpad help the teacher and the students in improving writing skill. It means that Wattpad is a good technology in the classroom in this digital era.

## **RESEARCH METHOD**

This article is a descriptive qualitative research. It deals with the description of the writer's best experience. Moreover, Poslethwaite, T.N.et.al (2005) states that descriptive research provides information about conditions, situations, and events which occur in the present. This article describe the writer's best experience in teaching advanced writing using wattpad in the fifth semester students of STKIP PGRI Blitar.

It is a qualitative research because it provides source of data from the observation of teaching and learning process in the classroom. Patton (1990) stated that qualitative research provides natural setting as the source of data.

## **RESEARCH FINDING**

Using Wattpad for teaching essay writing helped the writer to improve students' writing ability. The students were not only motivated to write, but also their writing ability was getting better. They were motivated because their writing were published in Wattpad and read by many people all over the world. It made them did their best in writing. They felt happy when the readers gave them vote and comment for their writing. It made them want to write more stories. Some students write more than one story.

The teaching learning process was easier and happier than before. The students enjoyed their writing activity. They did not feel that writing was boring and wasting time. They found many ideas to write because they read more stories from Wattpad. The students were not stuck of what to write because they have had many inspiring stories from Wattpad.

## **CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION**

To summarize, teaching writing using Wattpad can help the teacher to improve the students'

writing skill. It can solve the main students' problem in writing. The students feel confident to express their idea in their writing and publish it in Wattpad.

Wattpad is not only beneficial for the teacher but also for students. The teacher can encourage and guide the students in writing with pleasuring media. The students are happy and motivated to do their task because their writing are not only read by the teacher but also their friends and even some people they do not know before.

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