

## ABSTRACT

**Nurjannah, 2016.** *Students' Motivation to Learn English through Stories of Inspiring figure at the SMP Negeri 2 Sungguminasa (A Pre-experimental Research)* under the thesis of English Department the Faculty of Teachers Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University. Guided by H. Bahrin Amin and Farisha Baso.

This research aimed at finding out students' motivation to learn English at SMP Negeri 2 Sungguminasa. The problem statement was how the improvement of students' motivation to learn English through stories of inspiring figure at SMP negeri 2 Sungguminasa.

This research used a pre-experimental research. The researcher had conducted a treatment, where the class consisted of six meetings. The location of this research was done basic problem the researcher discussed in this final project is there any improvement students' motivation to learn English by using stories of inspiring figure. The population of this study is the first grade students of at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 2 Sungguminasa in the academic year of 2016/2017. The researcher used Purposive Sampling Technique. The research instrument used questionnaire.

The research findings indicated that motivation of the at the eighth grade of SMP Negeri 2 Sungguminasa was improved after stories of inspiring figure. It was proven by mean score in pre-test was 74.73 and post-test was 82.36. The improvement of motivation was 10.21%. It means that there was a significant difference between pre-test and post-test.

Based on the research finding, the researcher concluded that teaching English by using stories of inspiring figure can improve the students' motivation to learn English.