

## ABSTRACT

*ALFIN FATHIN DIFAN, The Effectiveness of Story Circle to Improve Students Writing Ability at The Eight Grade Students of SMPN 1 Sungguminasa Kab. Gowa*, under the thesis of English Education Department the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University. (Guided by H. Bahrun Amin and Amar Ma'ruf).

This research aimed to find out how are the students' writing narrative ability before and after applying story circle and whether or not the story circle effective in improving the students' writing narrative ability at the eight grade students' of SMP N 1 Sungguminasa in academic year 2016/2017.

Pre-experimental method was applied in this research with one group pre-test and post-test design. The instrument of this research was a writing test. The population of this research was the eighth grade year and the total sample of this research consisted of 25 students.

The students' writing narrative ability before applying story circle was poor. It was proved by the result of the pre-test. No one of the students got, excellent, very good, good, and fairly. The categorized of the students' writing narrative before applying story circle was fair, poor, and very poor classification. There were 3 (12%) students' in fair classification, 9 (36%) students' in poor classification, and 12 (48%) students' in very poor classification.

The students' writing narrative ability after applied story circle was improved. It was proved by the result of the post-test. The rate percentage and score frequency of the students' writing narrative in post-test was categorized good, and fair classification. There were 5 students' (20%) in good classification, and 20 students' (80%) in fair classification. Thus, the researcher concluded that the students' writing narrative ability was improved after applied story circle from very poor to good classification. The story circle was effective to improve the students' writing narrative, it was proved by the result of the mean score of the students' post-test was higher than the mean score of pre-test.

Keyword: Story Circle, Writing, Narrative text, Experimental.