

## ABSTRACT

**Muhammad nur fajar mursal, 2019. The Use of Picture Series as Media in Increasing Students' Writing Skill ( A Pre-Experimental Research at the First Grade Students of SMA Negeri 1 Gowa in the Academic Year of 2018/2019).** Under the thesis of English Education Department, the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education, Makassar Muhammadiyah University, guided by Ummy Khaerati Syam and Muh. Astrianto Setiadi.

The objective of the research was to find out whether the use of picture series is able to improve the content of the students writing or not which it referred the ability of the students to write narrative text in content covering unity and completeness, and language use covering tenses.

The researcher used a Pre-experimental Design with one group pre-test and post-test design. The population was the First Grade Students of SMA Negeri 1 Gowa in Academic Year 2018-2019, which consisted of six classes. The sample was 35 students. It employed of six meetings. It employed essay writing as instrument. A number of the samples were 35 students in Class X.E.

The research findings indicated that using Picture Series could improve the students writing ability in terms of content and language use especially in writing narrative text. It was proved by the students' mean score in pre-test was 65.68 and post-test was 82.77. It showed that the students' writing ability in post-test was higher than pre test. After calculating the difference between matched pair (D), it was found that the result of t-test value was 25,53. By applying the level of significance ( $p = 0,05$  and the degree of freedom  $(df) = 35-1=34$ , it was found that the result of t-table was 2.03. Therefore, the t-test was greater than t-table ( $25.53 > 2.03$ ). Therefore, the t-test was greater than t-table ( $25.53 > 2.03$ ) and null hypothesis was rejected and Alternative hypothesis was accepted. It mean that there was a significant difference in the students' writing ability before and after applying Picture Series.

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