THE USE OF WEBQUEST AS A MEDIA
TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' SKILL
IN WRITING DESCRIPTIVE TEXT

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ABSTRACT

This study deals with the use of WebQuest as a media to improve students' skill in writing descriptive text. The aim of this study was to explain and describe the implementation of WebQuest as a media to teach writing descriptive text to grade XI of SMA Nasima Semarang and also to find out how well the use of WebQuest as an alternative tool in teaching writing descriptive text gives a valuable contribution to the development of teaching writing. In order to gather the data, the researcher designed an action research. The population of this study was grade XI of SMA Nasima Semarang. The number of the subject was 21 students. There were five meetings in the research. One meeting was for the pre-test. Four meetings were for the treatments and the post test was hold in the last meeting. Before the treatment was conducted, a pre-test was given. In the pre-test, the students were asked to write a descriptive text; they were free to choose any tourist places in Indonesia to be described. The students' descriptive text in the second cycle was considered as the post-test result.

The result of this research showed that the post-test score was better than the pre-test score. The mean score of the pre-test was 64.57 and 82.42 in the post test. The difference between pre test and post test was 17.85. It means that there was a difference between the students' achievement before and after they were taught by using WebQuest.

Based on the result above, WebQuest could be one of effective media to improve the students' ability in writing descriptive text. This study suggested the teacher to use WebQuest as one of media in teaching writing, especially in writing descriptive text. Also to use WebQuest to make students more motivated to write effectively since students need enjoyable and varied learning experiences. Then it is suggested for the next researcher to conduct a deeper research by developing WebQuest as a media to be used in various learning skills.