CHAPTER V CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

This chapter provides the conclusion of this study based on the findings and discussions presented in the previous chapter. In this chapter, the suggestions are addressed to English teachers and future researchers who are interested in conducting studies in the same field as this study.

5.1 Conclusion

The present study is concerned with examining how project-based learning was implemented in teaching writing narrative text to senior high school students. To answer the research question, this study collected two data, namely classroom observation and the project that could provide information how the project-based learning implemented in the classroom. Based on the collected data, this study concluded several points that would be elaborated in the following.

This study discovered that there were four stages of project-based learning done in this study. These four stages of project-based learning was adopted from the four phases of project-based learning by Buck Institute of Education (2019). The stages were consisted of 1) launching project, 2) building knowledge, understanding, and skills, 3) developing and critiquing products, and 4) presenting products. Each stage of project-based learning implemented in this study has a different conclusion described below.

The first stage implemented in this study is launching a project where the teacher was expected to introduce the project to the students by giving driving questions (Buck Institute of Education, 2019). This stage was done in one meeting and the teacher used media to present the driving question or the problem to the students. In this study, the real-world problem to be investigated by the students was the low reading interest of Indonesian children. Then, after introducing the problem and the project, the students were allowed to participate in deciding the project, such as the timeline, topic, and expected final product of the project. Based on the discussion, the students agreed to create a project that would create a book that is accessible to Indonesian children in order to improve reading interest in Indonesia.

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The second stage implemented in this study was building knowledge,

understanding, and skills. At this stage, the students had to learn about narrative

text as the final product was expected to contain a collection short narrative story

from each group. Hence, it is essential for them to master it. The students were also

allowed to use any resources to help them gather information about narrative text.

The third stage that was done in this study was developing and critiquing

products. At this stage, the students were required to develop their writing based on

the critiques that the teacher delivered before presenting it in the next stage. Even

though this stage took longer time compared to the other stages and there were

several changes made during this stage, the students were able to develop their

writing. However, different from the previous stages, this stage was conducted

through both online and offline meetings.

The final or fourth stage of project-based learning in this study was presenting

products. At this stage, the students were asked to present their product publicly.

The students and teacher agreed to use social media, Instagram, in order to share

the final product with the public. However, not all the students who participated in

this study presented their product to the public.

In addition, this study also found that during the implementation of project-

based learning in teaching narrative text, the teacher attempted to accomplish the

seven gold-standard of project-based learning, according to Larmer (2020).

However, there were only six out of seven gold standards that the students and the

teacher accomplished during the implementation of project-based learning. At the

four stages of project-based learning, the six gold standards that were accomplished

are challenging problem or question, sustained inquiry, authenticity, students' voice

and choice, critique and reflection, and public product. Then, the gold standards

that was failed to be achieved is reflection. It was expected to be fulfilled during

the fourth stage, where the students can reflect on what, why, and how they learned.

However, due to several conditions, the students did not do it.

Therefore, it can be considered that there were four stages of project-based

learning that was done in this study. Then, this study was also successfully

accomplished six out of seven gold standards of project-based learning. This study

also discovered that by ensuring that the seven gold standards were fulfilled, the

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project-based learning can be more effective and provide more benefits in teaching

writing narrative text to senior high school students. For instance, the students can

develope their communication and collaboration skills through group work and

discussion.

5.2 Suggestions

In regard to the findings and discussion presented in this study, there were

several suggestions that are addressed to English teachers and future researchers

who concerned with the same field of this study. These suggestions presented

below.

1. Suggestions for English Teacher

Through this study, the researcher expect that English teacher in

EFL context could be encouraged to use project-based learning in teaching

English to their students. However, in this study, there were several

limitations faced by the researcher, such as this study only focused on

writing skills and narrative text. Hence, the researchers hoped that English

teachers can be inspired to implement project-based learning not only in

teaching writing skills but also other skills or even integrated skills to the

students. Besides that, the English teacher also could use it to teach another

type of text besides narrative text.

In addition, the researcher also experienced limitations in findings

ideas for creating a project that was interesting for the students and allows

them to contribute to the society. Because of that, English teacher can

collaborate with other teacher with different subject so that the project can

be more impactful to the others. Then, through this collaboration, the

students are able to enjoy the project more as they can learn two different

subject at the same time.

2. Suggestions for Future Researchers

This study followed the framework of Buck Institute of Education

(2019) during the implementation of project-based learning to teach writing

text in senior high school. However, there were also others framework of

stages of project-based learning that could be followed by other researchers.

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Thus, the researchers hoped that the future researchers can explore the

implementation of project-based learning by following different framework.

In addition, this study used classroom observation checklist to support the data from classroom observation. However, in this study, the

researcher acted two roles at the same time, a researcher and observer. It

might cause bias in the findings of this study. Hence, this study suggested

that future researchers, who also interested in using classroom observation

checklists, invite external observers, such as another English teacher. By

doing this, their study can avoid bias.

Moreover, this study also limited to the use project-based learning

in teaching writing narrative text to senior high school students. Because of

that, the future researchers can attempt to explore how project-based

learning was implemented in different skills, text genre, and school levels.

Then, it was also possible for future researchers to conduct this research in

different research site or different subject besides English.

In addition, this study also experienced several problems, such as

the students who became uninterested with the project after the project was

extended and poor time management and planning from the teachers

because of miscommunication between the teacher and the school

authorities. Hence, it is crucial for the future researcher who interested to

conduct study in the same field to be fully prepared. It was also possible for

future researchers to create several plans if there were problems come from

other parties, such as the research site. By doing this, it can be expected to

develop a better project so that the students can enjoy the process of learning

using project-based learning.

Lastly, the researcher hoped that future researchers can collect more

data so that they can get deeper on how project-based learning implemented

in teaching writing narrative text to senior high school students. The future

researchers may use interview or questionnaire to discover students'

response regarding their experience in learning writing narrative text using

project-based learning. Thus, the future research can provide deeper

investigation related to this field.

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