

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of Study

Reading is a process where the people connect word to word become sentence, sentence to sentence become paragraph, and paragraph to paragraph become the text. The word which is read by people has a meaning thus sentence, paragraph, and also text. Many people can read but only some of them can take the meaning or purpose of what they read, and it is included to reading comprehension.

Reading comprehension is a process where the people can take the message or purpose of what they read from the word, sentence, paragraph or the text. As the human who live in the world, we are obligated to be able to read something happened around us. That is why, we start from reading comprehension of the simple reading, that is reading comprehension of the text.

The text is the result of human's mind that is formed become a writing, and the text consists of some paragraphs where in every paragraph has the main idea. The function of main idea in every paragraph is to facilitate people to take the message or purpose from each paragraph until they can know what is the text talking about.

The students in senior high school have begun to study about the narrative text, such as story of Lake Toba, Malin Kundang Legend and many

more. The goal of the study is to know about the message in it and the step to know what message that is in the story is by determining the main idea of paragraph. But the fact that writer looks nowadays, still there are some students cannot determine the main idea of paragraph yet and many things that can be the factor of this problem, one of them is the students are lazy to try to determine the main idea by themselves.

The writer found this situation in the school SMA Swasta Galih Agung at the ten grade of Senior High School especially in 3rd experiment class. The students in this class always hope another students' helping to determine the main idea. They do not want to try to determine the main idea by themselves.

In this situation, the writer tries to give a new innovation to solve the problem, that is to give new learning model, it is called by treffinger model. Treffinger model has the advantage to give the opportunity to the students to understand the concept of finishing problem, to create the active students in learning process, and to develop the students' ability to identify problem.

So, in order to make the students can determine the main idea of paragraph, the writer was very interested in conducting a study with the title **THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TREFFINGER MODEL TO IMPROVE STUDENTS' ABILITY IN DETERMINING THE MAIN IDEA OF PARAGRAPH AT SMA SWASTA GALIH AGUNG.**

B. Identification of The Study

Based on the background of the study above, the writer identifies some problems dealing with the study, they are:

1. The students' ability to determine the main idea of paragraph by themselves.
2. The teacher uses the old method in teaching reading comprehension especially in determining the main idea of paragraph.

C. Formulation of the Study

Based on the background mentioned above, it is necessary to formulate the problems of the research as follows:

1. Can Treffinger improve the students' ability in determining the main idea of paragraph at SMA Swasta Galih Agung?
2. What is the students' respon after using the Treffinger in determining the main idea of paragraph at SMA Swasta Galih Agung?
3. How is the implementation of Treffinger at SMA Swasta Galih Agung in improving students' ability in determining the main idea of paragraph?

D. Objective of the Study

Based on the formulation study, the objective of the research is to find out:

1. To know whether Treffinger can improve the students' ability in determining the main idea of paragraph at SMA Swasta Galih Agung.

2. To know the respon of students at SMA Swasta Galih Agung in determining the main idea of paragraph after using the treffinger.
3. To know the implementation of Treffinger in determining the main idea of paragraph at SMA Swasta Galih Agung.

E. Significance of the Study

This study is expected to be beneficial for:

1. The finding of this study is expected to become new source for the teacher so that can deliver the material better than before.
2. The finding of this study is expected to the students be happy and be enthusiastic when learning process going on.
3. The finding of this study is expected to become excercise for students in solving problem in their life next day.
4. This study is expected to increase the reseacher awareness of the contribution of treffinger model to improve students' ability in determining the main idea of paragraph in teaching and learning process and to give the experience in doing the research and working with other people as well.