



USING WATTPAD APLICATION TOWARDS STUDENTS' READING COMPREHENSION

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ABSTRACT

the development of the current era is changing so fast that students and teachers get so much convenience from the availability of electronic media, one of which is wamppad media. Wamppad is a platform that provides various stories, articles or poems in English online and offline. Wamppad was created by Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen in 2006. In Indonesia, the results of data taken from the Progress of International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS, 2011) also show that Indonesia is ranked 41st out of 45 countries. This case has become commonplace in Indonesia due to the lack of interest in reading and special attention from the Indonesian government. From the availability of the Wamppad application which has interesting stories and is easy to access by anyone, is it so that reading interest, especially in Indonesia, through the data collected, makes reading interest and understanding in reading increase.

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INTRODUCTION

innovation proceeds to alter until presently the world community has arrived within the time of the Mychanical Insurgency 4.0. Concurring to Wikipedia, Mechanical Insurgency 4.0 is the title of the drift of computerization and information trade in innovation. As cited from Inet.detik.com, the concept of the Mechanical Transformation 4.0 was to begin with presented by German Teacher Klaus Schwab, a well-known financial specialist from the beginning who in his brief story, The Fourth Mechanical Insurgency, that the concept of the Mechanical Transformation 4.0 has changed human life and work (Wahyuni, CERPEN



REMAJA PADA APLIKASI WATTPAD, 2020) Changes experienced do not always have a negative impact, from the development of this era we also often find convenience, one example is the ease of finding information that is only in our hands. Availability of student support applications for learning such as Wattpad which is a research Medium, Wattpad is a website and application platform that provides media for reading, writing and it is available for free on Apple store and Google play store. Wattpad could be a web site and smartphone application service from provincial capital, Canada. Wattpad was launched in 2006 by Allen Lau and Ivan Yuen. In addition to that, Wattpad can even be a medium to coach the talents of writers and also allows readers to write their own stories. (Sari W. W.)

Wattpad Media is an application containing stories, novels, comics, etc. On Wattpad, we can also create stories or papers to publish to the app, so we can read and write our own stories or the other people stories at the same time.” (Fadillah & Amin, Improving Students’ Reading Comprehension Achievement Through , 2022) The researcher hopes that the Wattpad application can help students improve understanding in reading a story text, and the Wattpad application also provides interesting stories, of course this can increase students' reading interest. Wattpad can increment their education and can offer assistance them to memorize writing. In this case, Wattpad can help the understudies to memorize approximately writing and can increment their proficiency aptitude by perusing a brief story on Wattpad. At that point, the understudies can have the same feeling with the story in case the creator can clarifying or portraying the circumstance well. (Anggitasari, Tarwana, & Febriani, 2020)

According to previous research (Deniz, 2015), high school students are very fond of adventure, emotional, humor, science fiction, and crime stories. Wattpad classifies reading and writing activities that fall into this genre. Clarifying students' experiences using this application can provide an overview of the relationship between reading and writing activities at school and outside of school. (Bal, 2018)

When accessing Wattpad, readers are free to choose what type of reading they want to read because it provides a search engine in it. One of the most widely read literary works in Wattpad application is a short story. In the Wattpad application, the more readers liked a poem, the more the short story received votes and comments. The more votes and comments, the higher the ranked writer of the poem. Benefits if a work is liked by readers is the possibility of the work being ogled by the publisher, so that the work will be printed and published. Apart from being published, interesting works are even filmed. Perusers utilize Wattpad for joy, basically to study fanfiction or develop creators – and the desire set by the most devoured class on the platform, Teen Fiction, which encompasses a serialized distributing framework that influences the readers’ exercises and their intuitive (Rebora & Pianzola, 2018) Examples of works Wattpad literature by Indonesian writers who have had great success because they have been published



and even filmed is; 1) Dear Nathan, 2) A: Me, Hate, and Love, 3) Revan and Reina, 4) The Perfect Husband, 5) Assalamualaikum Prospective Imam, 6) Serendipity, (Wahyuni, CERPEN REMAJA PADA APLIKASI WATTPAD, 2020) there are many more interesting stories that are ready to be read by Wattpad connoisseurs so that Wattpad can be a reference in reading.

Reading is very important for language learning. Reading plays an important role in learning English. Understanding in reading is particularly important. Because reading provides humans with a way to obtain information about something, even if it is not a natural part of human development (Fadillah & Amin, Improving Students' Reading Comprehension Achievement Through , 2022) Perusing could be a exceedingly practiced action which shapes a component of a wide extend of diverse exercises, and which serves numerous diverse purposes. For case, content may be perused by skimming it quickly, filtering for a particular piece of data, perusing it for comprehension, or perusing it brilliantly. Why a content is perused, and the broader setting inside which the perusing action is implanted, shape these perusing forms. (O'Hara & Sellen, 1997) Reading in another dialect is more troublesome than perusing within the to begin with dialect (Country, 2009, p.3). It is due to the reasons that readers ought to recognize the words and sentences, additionally get it the reason of the content class. (Sari, Santihastuti, & Wahjuningsih, 2020) Reading can too be translated as a strategy that we utilize to communicate with ourselves and in some cases with others, to be specific the communication of the meaning contained or the execution of composed images.

Reading can be considered as a way to get at what is within the letter, seeing the considerations contained within the composed words. The degree of relationship between the meaning that the author needs to communicate and the author's or the reader's elucidation decides the precision of perusing. Based on a few of these conclusions, it can be said that perusing is basically a movement or handle carried out by perusers to decipher and construct meaning from messages passed on by composing or content. (Tahmidaten & Krismanto, 2019) Reading should be one of the things that is very synonymous with the world of teenagers, especially among students. Cultivating an interest in reading from an early age can help a person to always open the door of knowledge through books for his future. Adolescence has an age range of 12-21 years (Monks, 1992 in Saputra, 2008). At this time, one must inculcate the habit of reading to make it easier for him to access all knowledge. (Saepudin, 2015)

Based on UNDP results, Indonesia's interest in reading ranks 96th, alongside Bahrain, Malta and Suriname. In Southeast Asia, Cambodia and Laos are the only two countries in the ranking after Indonesia. Based on reading activities in the community, the level of ability reading can be divided into seven levels Sulisty-Basuki (1991:7) distinguish the levels of reading ability as follows: (1) people who unable to read at all; (2) the person who has the top ability in reading; (3) people who are learning to read; (4) person who literate but



not reading unless reading is limited to everyday life; (5) literate people but not book readers; (6) literate people but not regular readers; (7) people who literate and a regular reader of books. (Kasiyun, 2015)

METHOD

This research is qualitative research that is literature review using data sources in the form of reference articles from scientific journals. In this research, the researcher collects data by reading, understanding, and processing the appropriate information to be solved. The procedures carried out in this research study include: 1. Searching for information that supports research 2. Reinforcing research and organizing appropriate materials 3. Searching and finding data sources in the form of sources of journal articles and conclusion material obtained from data sources 4. Do a review on information that has been analyzed 5. Compiling research results.

FINDING AND DISCUSSION

The media that is used for reading is very widely available today, such as books, where many writers have created interesting new works, newspapers, and magazines can be a reference for reading. From this availability, Indonesia is still lacking in reading interest. This should be a problem that must be addressed by teachers and parents as well. One of the media that students can use as a reading resource is the Wattpad application. From several references from research results, whether Wattpad is very easy to access and the availability of many interesting stories, on this occasion by researchers and others. There are several references that are referenced in making this article. The researcher draws conclusions from the references that have been collected.

1. The Strengths and Weaknesses of Extensive Reading using Wattpad; Students' Perceptions"

The results of this study appear to show students' positive discernments towards broad perusing utilizing Wattpad stage. However, aside from the positive findings, there are numerous advantages and disadvantages of broad perusing on Wattpad that students have discovered. Understudies specified seven qualities of utilizing Wattpad for broad perusing; Wattpad gives understudies various and different sources of perusing materials; broad perusing on Wattpad may be a fun and agreeable involvement; broad perusing on Wattpad is more down to earth



than utilizing printed-books; broad perusing on Wattpad is money-saving; the perusing materials on Wattpad have great quality substance; broad perusing through Wattpad progresses understudies' English abilities unknowingly as well as the perusing propensity. Furthermore, there are four shortcomings of broad perusing utilizing Wattpad mentioned by the understudies, such as: likenesses within the perusing materials now and then make them boring to peruse; utilizing the stage for a certain length of time can potentially cause tired eyes; there are distractions from other notifications that disrupt the extensive reading activity on the platform; the platform drains the battery power. (Permatasari, Wijayanto, & Kristina, 2020) From the results above, the researcher argues that Wattpad has advantages that really help students improve skills in English, especially in reading skills. There are various sources and genres in it that we don't have to find in books but can be found in an Android application that we can read where and when. Wattpad not only has advantages but also has disadvantages, namely the application is very draining on cellphone power and makes eyes tired easily because cellphone radiation is too high if you use your cellphone for too long.

2. Korelasi Antara Aplikasi Komiku dan Wattpad dengan Minat Baca Masyarakat saat Pandemi

In this study, they used a literature review research method taken from articles, papers, and interview journal sources. *Using qualitative research methods that are literature studies, with the result that the website and the Wattpad application can affect reading interest in society in Indonesia, as evidenced by the percentage of data, 6.9% of users or visitors to the Wattpad site come from Indonesia. The presence of Komiku also has an impact and influences users positively. Comic World Switch, which was originally still using the conventional method, is good in terms of printing, publishing, and distributing comics. It costs money, effort, time, and energy and has now been switched to digital means.* (Sa'diyah, Krist, & Tazkiyah, 2021). This means that the use of comics and Wattpad is very influential in Indonesia, with a Wattpad achievement of 6.9%.

3. Pembelajaran Sastra Populer Berbasis Wattpad Sebagai Upaya Peningkatan Kemampuan Literasi Baca Tulis

This study is a mixed study with mixed results. Based on the results of interviews with lecturers, student learning outcomes are assessed based on individual or group assignments, mid-semester tests, end-of-semester tests, self-assessments, peer assessments, and student performance observations. through spoken or written display. Lecturers use assessment criteria and their weighting in accordance with the Academic Evaluation Guidelines applicable at Ahmad Dahlan University (Apriyani, 2020). Wattpad has the potential for exciting



learning and is not limited by time. Wattpad media can increase students' reading interests. The point in this study is the availability of interesting Wattpad and literacy applications that can attract students' reading interests.

4. Exploring the Potentials of Wattpad for Literature Class

Wattpad is viewed as an exploratory learning medium in the context of English literature study programs. The Wattpad application's features enable educators to incorporate meaningful learning activities into a variety of literature disciplines. When more literature classes use Wattpad as a learning tool, students will have more opportunities to engage in literary activities. Students will participate in Wattpad comment activities that provide them with a variety of literary work responses, as well as literary analysis of Wattpad literary works. Furthermore, the quality of the stories that the pupils produce will be improved. They can see and evaluate different author styles and story developments because they are able to see and analyze different author styles and story developments. Students may use a variety of story ideas in the stories they will write. (Falaq, Suprayogi, Susanto, & Husna, 2021)

5. Extensive Reading on Wattpad and Its Benefits to Students' English Skills: Students' Perceptions

According to the perceptions of the pupils in the preceding section, both participants noted in the conative component that extensive reading on Wattpad unintentionally improves their English skills. As a result, the researcher inquired about the extent to which extensive reading on Wattpad improves both individuals' English skills unknowingly. The benefits of extensive reading on Wattpad to students' English proficiency are numerous. (Permatasari1, Wijayanto, & Kristina, 2020) In this article, they not only improve their reading comprehension skills but also improve their English skills such as writing, speaking, listening, and also improve their vocabulary.

6. The Use of Wattpad Strategy to Improve Students Reading Skills at Sman 3 Luwu Utara

In this reference, the researcher took a sample from the results of the thesis with the title The Use of Wattpad strategy to Improve Students' Reading Skills at SMAN Luwu Utara. In this thesis, they used a research design with a pre-experimental method in which the design of this study was in the form of a pre-test, treatment, and post-test as per theory Sugiono. And participants who take one of the classes consisting of 20 students in XII IPA2 at SMAN 3 Luwu Utara get results. The use of the Wattpad strategy effectively improves students' reading skills. Students better understand and determine the meaning and content



of reading through the Wattpad application. Students are interested and motivated to learn English. *In addition, students are interested and motivated to learn English. And has a very positive effect on improving students reading skills in the twelfth grade of SMA3 Luwu Utara The results of this report can show the relationship between the student's pre-test and post - test mean scores. The mean score of the students was 40.60. In the post-test, the mean score of students was 53.80. So that, the H_0 hypothesis was unaccepted, and automatically H_1 hypothesis was accepted. Therefore it can be concluded that using Wattpad strategy is effective in teaching reading skills.* (Lestari, 2022) <http://repository.iainpalopo.ac.id/id/eprint/4370/1/SKRIPSI%20INDAH%20LESTARI01.pdf>

7. Reading And Writing Experiences Of Middle School Students In The Digital Age: Wattpad Sample

Using The purpose of the study was to look at middle school pupils' reading and writing habits. As a consequence, just one of the survey respondents stated that the Wattpad reading procedure did not fit him. Other pupils expressed enthusiasm for the after-school reading. The reading list for each participant was compiled from their Wattpad user sites. According to Bal and Eref, there is no difference between in-school and out-of-school reading experiences. Out-of-school reading was found to be beneficial. The most common sentiment is against the mandatory nature of in-school reading, as demonstrated by the following statement: "While every book on my Wattpad reading list is interesting and enjoyable, I do not like every book I read in the Turkish language subject." (Hatun, semi-structured interview). (Mazhar, 2018) From their experience, they said that there was no difference between reading outside and inside the classroom and of the many students, only one said that Wattpad was not suitable for their reading.

8. The Effects Of Short Story Through Wattpad On Reading Comprehension Achievement Of Non- English Major Students Of Bina Darma University

This investigation was based on an experimental study. Based on the findings of this study, some interpretation is offered in this section. The study question's findings revealed that reading a short story on Wattpad had an impact on students' reading comprehension. The statistics clearly revealed that the pupils' reading comprehension skills improved significantly before and after treatment. Students



were more engaged in using the media and actively making comments and expressing their views or opinions after reading the narrative during the teaching of reading. (Sari 2016, 40) So the reading comprehension achievement of non-English students is strongly influenced by the short stories on the Wattpad platform.

CONCLUSION

In several references, the researcher concludes that Wattpad greatly influences understanding for *students* and students. The use of strategies in reading Wattpad can improve reading skills. Students also better understand and determine the meaning of the reading content through the Wattpad application. And students are interested and interested in learning English. Reading on Wattpad also improves the understanding of the readers but of all the skills they can get, such as writing, speaking, listening, and from Wattpad can also add words.

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