

ABSTRACT

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The new regulation in curriculum 2013 required senior high schools students to choose a compulsory subject that is generally known as elective course. One of all compulsory subjects in elective course is English elective class. Elective course are also implemented in every senior high schools in Indonesia including rural senior high schools. There are some obstacles to learning English in rural areas. Hence, the researcher is interested to research rural Senior High School students' attitudes toward literature in English. This study was descriptive qualitative research. The participants of this research were 22 students in third grade as representative of Social Science class in SMA N 1 Batipuh. The instrumentations of this research are collected from questionnaire and interview. There were some categories asked to students, which were students' favourite genre of literature, benefits of learning literature, topic preferences, the use of language in classroom, and also the learning obstacles in rural senior high school. This findings of this research showed that rural students have positive attitude towards literature in English.

Key words: *Elective Course, Attitude, Rural, Literature in English.*

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Regulasi baru dalam kurikulum 2013 mengharuskan siswa sekolah menengah atas untuk memilih mata pelajaran wajib yang umumnya dikenal sebagai kelas lintas minat. Salah satu kelas lintas minat dalam mata pelajaran pilihan adalah kelas lintas minat Bahasa Inggris. Aturan diadakannya kelas lintas minat juga diterapkan di setiap SMA di Indonesia termasuk SMA di pedesaan. Ada beberapa kendala untuk belajar bahasa Inggris di daerah pedesaan. Oleh karena itu, peneliti tertarik untuk meneliti sikap siswa SMA pedesaan terhadap sastra dalam bahasa Inggris. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Partisipan penelitian ini adalah 22 siswa kelas III yang mewakili kelas IPS di SMA N 1 Batipuh. Instrumentasi penelitian ini diperoleh dari kuesioner dan wawancara. Ada beberapa kategori yang ditanyakan pada siswa seperti genre sastra favorit siswa, manfaat belajar sastra, preferensi topik, penggunaan bahasa di kelas, dan juga hambatan belajar di SMA pedesaan. Temuan penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa siswa pedesaan memiliki sikap positif terhadap sastra dalam bahasa Inggris.

Kata kunci: *Kelas Lintas Minat, Sikap, Pedesaan, Sastra dalam Bahasa Inggris.*