

A STUDY ON HOW ENGLISH LITERATURE CAN ENHANCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

This study examines how the English Literature can enhance English Language Learning. The study involved Year 4 students of SK Song Kheng Hai, Song Thian Cheok Road, Kuching for a period of one year (2005).

For analysis purpose, the data collection is based on two midterm exams and two term exams results. Observation on the students' learning behaviour was also carried out during the study.

From the study, it is found out that there is an improvement in the students' achievement based on their exam results. The impact is seen after the implementation of English Contemporary Literature materials usage as part of their English Language component. The improvement is also due to a change in behaviour of the students in learning.

The right combination of methodology with the relevant materials in teaching and learning process can contribute to the students' success in mastering the English Language.

INTRODUCTION

1.0 Introduction

Upon entering the new millennium, English made its way again into our education system. The shift into a new educational paradigm demands a new breed of academics whereby there should be a change in behaviour. One needs to feel comfortable with new technology, in the world without borders. Thus to keep abreast with the latest innovation in our education, our education system must contain curricular content of global education. This paradigm shift explains that our education requires a change whereby we see things from different perspective as there are different aspects of phenomenon in our lives (Jacobs and Farrel, 2001).

The current need in using English in our Education tells us how important the knowledge of the language whereby students need to master the language as it is used world wide and thus be at par with the other people from the other world. For this purpose, students need strong basic of English and this is the job of every teaching professional to create a change in the behaviour of students. The new millennium requires our thinking to be in parallel with the advanced countries in the West. In fact, we need to question ourselves whether