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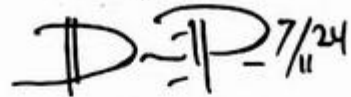
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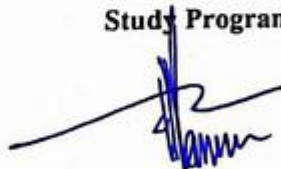


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## **ABSTRACT**

Difficulties in processing information from English texts could hinder the learning process and negatively impact students' academic achievement. Therefore, the purpose of this study was to analyze the use of short stories on Wattpad in improving the reading comprehension achievement of ninth-grade students at SMP Negeri 19 Palembang and students' perceptions of using short stories on Wattpad. This research used a pre-experimental design with a sample of class 9.3 consisting of 31 students. Data collection was carried out using pre-tests and post-tests, which were analyzed using paired sample t-tests and N-Gain scores with the help of the SPSS version 29 program. Based on the results of this study, (1) there was a significant increase in students' reading comprehension achievement, (2) experimental students gave positive perceptions of using short stories on Wattpad in the learning process. In conclusion, the use of short stories on Wattpad could improve the reading comprehension achievement of ninth-grade students.

***Keywords: Reading Comprehension Achievement, Short Story, Narrative Text.***

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