

ABSTRACT

THE ANALYSIS OF STUDENTS' ETHNIC BACKGROUND TOWARD THEIR UNDERSTANDING ON LEGENDS AT SMAN 1 BANDAR LAMPUNG

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The research was conducted to know whether the ethnic backgrounds is able to influence students' understanding on Lampung legends and how the students understand what they get from the legends.

The subjects were the students of XI MIPA 1 in SMAN 1 Bandar Lampung. This research was a descriptive design that described the students' answers of the tests and used matrix table in analysing the data. The researcher also divided the students based on their ethnic background.

The result shows the ethnicity is able to influence students' understanding on legends. This research takes two Lampung legends entitled Ranau Lake and A Tiger beetle and A Wasp. Based on the students' answers, there are some differences among those three ethnic backgrounds. Some students have critical mind in criticizing the legends, while the other students do not explain what they understand clearly. On the first test about Ranau Lake, Lampungese students concluded the text from the side of humanity, such as "Human may not be arrogant to the other.". One student of three Javanese students explained from the positive side that "Ability must be mastered.". the last, Batakese students also had different thought from the other students, they stated that " Humans must be useful for the other.". Based on the students' answer, ethnicity is able to influence the students' understanding.

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