The Study of Implementation SETS Approach to Improve Students' Critical Thinking Skills

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ABSTRACT
Some skills need to be developed in the 21st century, namely communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem solving, and creativity. SETS is an approach in learning activities that consists of four components, namely science, technology, environment, and society. This approach is applied in learning activities in increasing critical thinking of students. The method of this research is qualitative-descriptive by reviewing 20 journals. The results of the study show that there are applications of the SETS approach integrated with other learning models and methods in learning. SETS approach link subject with daily life problems, use science to analyze the problem, use technology to design the problem solving, and consider the impacts on the environment and society. The integrations are proven can increase critical thinking of students. Further research should be more creative to apply SETS approach by designing and integrating it with other learning models, so it will be effective to develop critical thinking of students.

Keywords: 21st-century skills, Critical thinking skills, Literature review, Learning activities, SETS.

1. INTRODUCTION

The ability to think is one of the assets that must be developed for students to face the science and technology development in the 21st century [1][2][3][4]. Critical thinking is an ability that can stimulate other abilities such as logical thinking, creativity, evaluating evidence, assumptions, and logic, problem-solving, and decision making [1][4][5][6]. Some competencies such as critical thinking are developed by facilitating students with learning activities that are related to students' daily life [6][7][5]. Learning activities carried out by teachers cause students' critical thinking skills in low value [4][5]. This presents a challenge for researchers to try new innovations in learning to improve students' critical thinking skills.

The low critical thinking ability of students is influenced by several factors such as the conventional and teacher-centered learning model [5][6]. The results of observations show that one of the factors that influence learning is still rote learning, not meaningful learning [7]. In addition, teachers do not involve students in learning activities, and subject matter was less associated with the science and technology development and its impact on the students’ environment [8].

The results of Maimunah's research show that in learning activities students must view everything in an integrated manner, namely by connecting the material being studied with the surrounding environment [7]. Students must be actively involved in learning activities and be able to overcome problems that become more meaningful. One of the things that can support this is applying a student-centered learning model or approach [9]. Integration of subject matter with the environment around students such as environmental technology and society can train students' critical thinking skills [10].

Learning that uses the SETS approach attracts students to critically identify and evaluate scientific problems found in the surrounding environment [11]. The SETS approach or in Indonesian is better known as the mutual theme approach, connecting the theory learned with the application of technology, its impact on the environment and also society so that it becomes real and contextual learning [12][13][14]. The learning experience gained through the SETS approach will be obtained directly because it is adapted to the environmental conditions around students. In the
SETS approach, teachers and students have their roles. Teachers play an important role in creating a mindset for the future and the implications of it and attracting students to think critically in solving existing issues [14]. Based on the description above, the Author will describe the implementation of the SETS approach and its impact on the critical thinking of students.

2. METHOD

This study used a literature review method by analyzing 20 journals related to the implementation of the SETS approach and its impact on the critical thinking of students. The author conducted an article search process with search engine Scholar, OSF, and international proceedings. This research concerned to the article from 2016-2021 related to the implementation of the SETS approach and its impact on the Indonesian students’ critical thinking skills.

According to Miles and Huberman 1984, the steps in the descriptive qualitative analysis include 1) data collection, which is the process of collecting information in related fields; 2) Data reduction, namely summarizing, choosing the main topics, focusing on the important thing, look for themes and patterns; 3) Data display, most often used for presenting information in qualitative research is narrative text. Furthermore, it is recommended to display information in the form of graphs, networks, or charts; 4) Conclusion, conclusions must be supported by valid evidence, the conclusion should be consistent when the researcher returns to collect information, then the last conclusions are credible conclusions [28].

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The following Table 1 is the results of journal analysis of the implementation SETS approach to improve critical thinking of students. The 20 journals that have been analyzed are indexed by Scholars, OSF, and international proceedings.
Table 1. Results of journal analysis

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| 1  | Jurnal Formatif, Vol 6, No 2, 2016: 134-140. E-ISSN:2088-351x. DOI: 10.30998/formatif.v6i2.947 [7]. | Author: Maimunah  
Journal results: SETS learning in the material of colloidal increase student's critical thinking skills with 42% of N-gain score (medium category), and the student's scientific attitude was 72.7% (very good category). SETS learning can increase critical thinking skills of students because the SETS learning stages are full of thinking, arguing, and discussing.  
Study results: Applying SETS approach with its three stages, namely exploration, introduction, and application stage can increase critical thinking skills. |
Journal results: The average of students' critical thinking pretest was 46.77 that was in medium category. The implementation of STSE in learning results increase the average students' critical thinking, it was 83.00 in very good category.  
Study results: STSE model is recommended to be applied because it has advantages. One of them is students have the opportunity to get knowledge and critical thinking skills and act on the results of the analysis by considering aspects of SETS as a unit does not inseparable. |
Journal results: The development of learning device-based SETS approaches was in a valid category. The average of critical thinking skills was 76.9 in good category.  
Study results: The implementation of SETS approach encourages students to study science as a whole, use science in applications of technology, and study its impact on the environment and also society. So SETS approach increases critical thinking. |
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| 4  | Journal of Natural Science Education Research, Vol 1, No 1, 2018: 57-64  | **Author:** Sutria Amanda, Laila khamsatul Muharrami, Irsad Rosidi, Mohammad Ahied  
**Journal results:** The implementation of the SETS-based problem-based learning model can improve students’ critical thinking skills by 0.36 in the medium category. Linking learning directly with everyday problems so that students can solve problems on a given test.  
**Study results:** improvement of critical thinking skills of students are influenced by the use of problem-based learning model with SETS train students’ problem-solving skills, so it can also train student’s critical thinking skills. |
| 5  | Jurnal Inovasi Pembelajaran, Vol 4, No 2, 2018: 102-112, E-ISSN 2460-0873 [1]. | **Author:** Abdul ghafur and Nahdia Rupawanti Basuki raharjo  
**Journal results:** The improvement of students' critical thinking skills after applying the SETS approach to learning is 61.90 in the good category. The SETS approach helps students to explain the scientific process underlying natural phenomena, the development of science and technology, and how the development of science and technology influences the environment and society. This learning approach prioritizes the learner-based learning, learning by doing, developing social sensitivity, building and developing a critical and collaborative attitude.  
**Study results:** Students’ critical thinking skills can improve after applying the learning approach because SETS approach builds critical and collaborative attitude. |
| 6  | Jurnal Pendidikan Dasar Indonesia, Vol 2, No 2, 2018: 59-71, ISSN: 2613-9553 [18]. | **Author:** S. Maulidati, N. Dantes, and N. Tika  
**Journal results:** Students who take learning with the SETS approach get a score of 20.47 with a high category. One of the advantages of SETS learning could improve inquiry skills, solving skills, and process skills in learning.  
**Study results:** The implementation of scientific-based SETS approach can increase students’ curiosity that will give an impact on students’ critical thinking skills in line with students’ learning outcomes |
| 7  | Jurnal Edukasi Matematika dan Sains, Vol 7, No 2, 2019: 82-90, DOI: 10.25273/jemss.v7i2.5295 [4]. | **Author:** Ismiyutn Khasanah, M. Aji Fathurohman, Mobinta Kusuma.  
**Journal results:** Experimental class students have a critical thinking skill score in the high category as many as 28 people, while in the control class only 4 people. Basically, it can be said that through the concept mapping method with SETS vision, students can see something in an integrated manner by noticing the four elements of SETS, so as to obtain a deep understanding of the knowledge possessed by students.  
**Study results:** The implementation concept mapping method with SETS vision can improve students’ critical skills because it can obtain a deep understanding to students as the impact of critical thinking skills. |
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| 8  | Jurnal Tadris Kimiya, Vol 3, No 1, 2018: 94-103. E-ISSN: 2527-9637 [19]. | Author: Wulan Sri Wijaya, Tonih Feronika, and Dila Fairusi  
Journal results: The average of students' critical thinking skills in the experimental class is higher than the average of the control class, namely 81.8 and 76.8. After being given different treatment between the experimental and control classes, overall it appears that the experimental class using the PBL learning model with the SETS approach, the average score was higher than the average score of the control class. It is because of differences in instructions and thinking strategies built by teachers in learning. The learning environment can affect the scientific thinking styles of students.  
Study results: The application of the SETS approach in the PBL model can affect students' scientific thinking styles, one of which is critical thinking. |
Journal results: The use of SETS vision global warming worksheet obtain the average posttest results of students' learning outcome of 86.19 in the high criteria. With SETS approach, the teacher will be very instrumental in creating students to have integrative thinking, inviting students to think critically in dealing with something by referring SETS approach.  
Study results: SETS vision global warming worksheet equipped with interactive multimedia in the form of animation or video that can improve learning outcome, improve process skills, and learning activities. |
Journal results: The average value of students’ critical thinking skills after the implementation of the probing-prompting-based SETS was 82.9%. The implementation of SETS can help students understand the lesson because learning is associated with problems in everyday life. This allows students to discover new knowledge, solve a problem and participate actively in creating solutions.  
Study results: The implementation of the probing-prompting-based SETS helps students improve critical thinking skills through the learning experiences gained. This is in line with the increasing understanding of students. |
| 11 | Jurnal Pendidikan, Vol 14, No 1, 2020: 41-51. ISSN 1858-4497 [6]. | Author: Danty Kusmiyanto, Bayu Widiyanto, Mobinta Kusuma.  
Journal results: The test results of students' critical thinking skills have increased after using the SETS learning model with the practicum method. The value obtained in the experimental class is 80.62% in the high category. The experimental class with the SETS model has a better understanding of the impact of technology on the environment and society through global warming materials. |
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<td>Journal Education of Young Physics Teacher, Vol 2, No 1, 2021: 29-35. E-ISSN: 2723-8164 [2].</td>
<td>Author: Irma, Meriyanti, and Irwandani Journal results: The implementation of DBUS model with the SETS approach improves students' critical thinking skills with an N-Gain score of 0.53 in the medium category. The SETS approach stimulates student interest which results in stimulating students to more easily understand the lesson. Study results: the implementation of the DBUS model with the SETS approach can increase students' critical thinking skills along with the increasing interest and understanding of students in the studied material.</td>
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<td>Journal Education and Development, Vol 8, No 2, 2020:584-590. E-ISSN: 2614-6061 [20].</td>
<td>Author: Indang Mustiko Rini, Wahono Widodo, and Widowati Budijastuti Journal results: The development of SETS-based teaching materials is in a very valid category with a percentage of 97.66%. The use of SETS-based materials in learning shows student activity with an average of 81%. This increases students' critical thinking skills by 60% with the medium category. Study results: The use of SETS-based teaching materials can improve students' critical thinking skills as a result of positive responses and activities during learning activities.</td>
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<td>International Journal of Recent Educational Education, Vol 1, No 3, 2020. E-ISSN: 2721-7965 [10].</td>
<td>Author: Devy Alvionita, Prabowo, Z.A. Imam Supardi Journal results: The implementation of the PBL model with the SETS method resulted from an average of students' critical thinking ability of 84. The increase in students' critical thinking ability was indicated by the N-Gain score of 0.7 in the medium category. Study results: The application of the PBL model with the SETS method can improve students' ability to solve problems as a result students' ability to think critically increase.</td>
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<td>Jurnal Pembelajaran Kimia, vol 5, No 2, 2020: 78-83. E-ISSN: 2579-5945 [11].</td>
<td>Author: Fariza Anizarini, Endang Budiasih, Dedek Sukarianingsih Journal results: The influence of POGIL learning with the SETS approach resulted in an average of 78.06% of students' critical thinking. Students are trained to use their ability to think critically by linking the science material being studied with the use of technology and its consequences for the environment around students. Study results: The application of the SETS-based POGIL model familiarizes students with linking subject matter with problems in daily life can train students' critical thinking skills.</td>
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Journal results: The development of SETS-based teaching materials are declared valid and feasible to use. The SETS sequence is presented in a sequence starting from using science to technology forms to meet the needs of society, it requires thinking about its implications on the environment.  
Study results: The problems raised in the teaching materials are critical thinking exercises by presenting issues that are in accordance with their environment and students can be directly involved in solving these problems. |
Journal results: interactive multimedia development with SETS vision is valid and feasible to use in learning. The interactive multimedia is effective in improving students' critical thinking skills. This is indicated by the n-Gain score of 0.59 in the medium category.  
Study results: The interactive multimedia with SETS vision has problem-solving stages that can improve students' cognitive abilities. This indirectly also affects students' critical thinking skills |
Journal results: On the integration of the SETS approach with the 7E learning cycle model, students obtained an average critical thinking ability of 84.07. The integration of SETS in the 7E learning cycle model brings real-life problems into the classroom to find solutions.  
Study results: The integration of SETS with the 7E learning cycle trains students to use thinking skills to solve problems included critical thinking |
Journal results: The analysis results of the application of SETS-based e-learning showed that students' thinking skills increased very high with an N-gain score of 0.72.  
Study results: The application of SETS-based e-learning in learning can improve critical thinking skills. This is in line with the increase in student learning outcomes |
Journal results: The development of the SETS-based acid-base module is considered very practical and effective because it improves students' critical thinking skills with an N-Gain score of 0.79 in the very high category.  
Study results: implementation of 3 stages in SETS approach is effective to increase the critical thinking skills of students. |
The analysis results of 20 journals showed that the implementation of the SETS approach in learning influences student learning activities. This resulted in students' critical thinking skills and responses given by students to learning activities. Students' critical thinking skills are proven to increase and are in the medium to high category. The SETS approach takes into account aspects of science, environment, technology, and society so that it is closely related to students' daily lives [5]. The ultimate goal of the SETS approach is to solve problems that exist in society by involving technological developments. Therefore, the teacher guides students to find issues that exist in the community and solve them based on the SETS [7].

The SETS approach consists of 4 important aspects: 1) Invitation phase, namely the phase of introducing scientific issues or problems that are developing in the community and environment. 2) The exploration phase is the activity of gathering information through observation or experimentation. 3) The explanation phase, which is a combination of the invitation phase and the exploration phase, the students adjust the data obtained from observation or experimentation to fit the concept being studied. 4) The application phase, namely the application of skills and knowledge that have been obtained by students into problems related to the concept [26].

Critical thinking indicators can be trained through the SETS approach because the actual problems raised in learning are around students. This helps students get used to thinking critically in solving problems and making decisions [19]. Furthermore, students will create solutions by utilizing the concepts of science and technologies. Students can analyze the impact of the problem-solving plan on the environment and society. Learning that integrates these four important elements is expected to be able to train the critical thinking skills of students [27].

All journals claim that using SETS approach in learning, integrating with other models and methods, can improve critical thinking skills of students. This is because SETS approach uses the problems in daily life. Eventually, the student will feel responsible and be directly involved in solving the problem. That character can help soften during learning with SETS approach. Students are trained to encounter similar problems or global problems in the future.

4. CONCLUSION

The implementation of the SETS approach in learning can affect student activities during learning so that students' critical thinking skills increase. Learning tools developed based on the SETS approach have also been proven valid and feasible to use. In addition, the implementation of the SETS approach received a positive response from both students and teachers. The limitation of this research is that the journals analyzed are not journals that only implement the SETS approach, but are still integrated with other models or methods. Future research should be more creative to explore and develop the implementation SETS approach by integrating it with other learning models and methods. Besides, next research must pay attention to developments in science and technology so that the use of SETS is always dynamic and in accordance with the needs in education.

AUTHOR CONTRIBUTION

Wardatul Aini conducted journal analysis, wrote down the results, and discussed them in articles. Fida Rachmadiarti, Prabowo, and Eko Hariyono provided constructive corrections to the journal results and the whole article. Binar K. Prahani provided suggestions for research titles and guided how to construct articles, and also provided constructive corrections on the results of the whole article.

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