STEM-INTEGRATED PROJECT-BASED LEARNING (PJBL) MODEL AND LECTURE WITH EXPERIMENTS LEARNING MODEL: WHAT IS THE SCIENTIFIC LITERACY SKILLS OF ELEMENTARY TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS IN THESE LEARNING MODELS?

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to determine the difference in students' scientific literacy skills between students who apply the PJBL model integrated STEM-assisted science literacy modules and students who apply lecture learning accompanied by experiments. The subjects of this study were 60 Elementary Teacher Education students who were divided into two classes at IKIP Siliwangi Bandung. This study used a comparative research method with a quantitative approach. The data collection method used was the scientific literacy skills test method. The test instrument in this study measured three scientific literacy competencies, namely the ability to explain scientific phenomena, evaluate and design scientific investigations, and interpret scientific data and evidence. The data were analyzed using descriptive analysis techniques and an Independent Sample T-Test. This study's results showed that the average scientific literacy ability of students who received the STEM-integrated PJBL model in this study was 83. The T-test of average students' scientific literacy ability showed that the PJBL model integrated STEM-assisted modules affected students' scientific literacy skills better than lecture learning accompanied by experiments. The recommendation of this study is further research to modify the STEM-integrated PJBL model assisted by this module to be more effective in improving students' ability to interpret scientific data and evidence.

Keywords: elementary education students; project-based learning; science literacy; STEM

INTRODUCTION

Science plays an essential role in creating reliable and quality young people in facing the challenges of the globalization era.¹ Science helps humans to develop mindsets, become more rational, creative, analytical, critical, and develop the ability to conduct research and the ability to systematically solve problems and make decisions using information based on scientific evidence.² Therefore in science education, students need to be equipped with scientific literacy skills to develop in society, think critically and

creatively to plan problem solving, and have deep knowledge and understanding to be applied in their lives.

According to PISA, science literacy is defined as an individual's scientific knowledge and use of that knowledge to identify questions, acquire new knowledge, explain scientific phenomena, and draw evidence-based conclusions about science-related issues.⁴ Based on this definition, scientific literacy consists of three aspects, namely the ability to be able to identify what is included in scientific facts, the ability to use appropriate investigation methods to obtain the scientific evidence needed, and the ability to analyze and interpret this evidences so that meaningful conclusions can be obtained. Why is it essential in 21st-century education for scientific literacy to be integrated into the learning process? The purpose of science education is to increase students' competence to meet their needs in various situations, including facing life challenges in the global era.⁵ With scientific literacy, students will learn further and live in a modern society currently heavily influenced by developments in science and technology.⁶,⁷ In addition, with scientific literacy, students are expected to have sensitivity in solving global problems such as environmental, health, and economic problems. The urgency of this literacy is because understanding science offers a solution to these problems.

On the other hand, the study results of the PISA of Indonesian students still cannot reach the overall average score. Indonesia's scientific literacy achievements at the 2018 PISA, which was attended by 78 countries, ranked 72. The average score of Indonesian students on scientific literacy is 396 below the average PISA score, 489.⁸ The lack of scientific literacy in Indonesia reflects that students in Indonesia are primarily unable to analyze and apply the concept to solve a problem.⁹ Students tend to memorize the concept

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⁹ Jufrida Jufrida et al., “Scientific Literacy and Science Learning Achievement at Junior High
but are still lacking in their use of knowledge. The study conducted by Jufrida in Jambi supported this statement. Jufrida founds that the understanding of the science concept of students is still low, students struggle to solve the problem of applying mathematical equations, students are not accustomed to solving problems related to science, students have never received training to solve scientific literacy problems, students still remember the materials submitted by the teacher. Students rarely study independently at home. The low scientific literacy of Indonesian students may be affected by many factors, including the learning model used by teachers and the textbooks used by students. The learning model is an essential part of carrying out the learning process. One learning model can build student learning experiences based on the products produced in the Project-Based Learning (PjBL) model.

The application of PjBL in science learning from research results can improve cognitive learning outcomes, scientific literacy, shape attitudes and behaviors that care for the environment, science process skills, and effective learning. PjBL is considered appropriate in interdisciplinary learning because it naturally involves many different academic skills such as writing, reading, and mathematics and is suitable in

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11. Jufrida et al., “Scientific Literacy and Science Learning Achievement at Junior High School.”
building conceptual understanding through assimilation of different subjects\(^{19}\) so that PjBL is expected to build student scientific literacy.

Apart from PjBL, current learning needs to keep up with the times in the era of globalization, one of which is by integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). The relationship between science and technology and other sciences cannot be separated in science learning. STEM is a discipline that is closely related to one another. Science requires mathematics as a tool in processing data, while technology and engineering are applications of science. The expectation from implementing the STEM approach to learning is to produce meaningful learning for students through the systematic integration of knowledge, concepts, and skills. Some of the STEM approach benefits make students solve problems better, become innovators, inventors, independent, logical thinkers, and help them acquire technological literacy.\(^{20}\) Therefore, implementing STEM project-based learning in learning is expected to positively influence students' scientific literacy, creativity, and learning outcomes.\(^{21}\)

Several studies on PjBL and scientific literacy have been conducted, including Morrison,\(^{22}\) which examines the influence of PjBL on student science success. Furthermore, Susilawati & Agustinasari \(^{23}\), and Gofur\(^{24}\) examine the influence of PjBL on student process skills. Wardani\(^{25}\) did a study to determine the improvement of students' writing skills through PjBL. The research of Panasan\(^{26}\) also examined student

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\(^{26}\) Mookdapor Panasan, Prasart Nuangchalerm, and Amphoe Muang, “Learning Outcomes of
learning outcomes from the application of PjBL and inquiry. In addition, a study conducted from the teacher's side has also been carried out by Toolin\textsuperscript{27}, who examined the balance between innovation and standards in the application of PjBL in science learning. Thus, research that builds scientific literacy by implementing STEM-integrated PjBL is still not widely done in Indonesia from some of these studies.

Therefore, by raising these problems, this study will explore and describe the students' scientific literacy skills in learning using the STEM integrated PjBL model and using lecture learning with experiments. With this in mind, this study aimed to find out the difference in scientific literacy skills between the two classes.

**RESEARCH METHODS**

This research used a comparative method with a quantitative approach. IKIP Siliwangi Bandung becomes place this research. We used the comparative method to determine the difference in scientific literacy skills between class A1 which received STEM integrated Project Based Learning (PjBL) assisted by the science concept modules, and class A2, which received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and used teaching materials commonly used in lectures. The stages in the research were started by formulating problems, looking for theories, finding theoretical answers, collecting data, managing data, and drawing conclusions. The subjects in this study were 60 students of Elementary Teacher Education of 2019 academic year with purposive sample technique, while the object was the student's scientific literacy ability. The data collection method used was the scientific literacy skills test method. The test instrument in this study measured three scientific literacy competencies, namely the ability to explain scientific phenomena, evaluate and design scientific investigations, and interpret scientific data and evidence. Table 1 shows the grid of scientific literacy questions.


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Table 1

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<td>b. identifying, using, and producing a transparent and representative model</td>
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<td>c. making and justifying correct predictions</td>
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<td>d. providing a clear hypothesis; and</td>
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<td>e. explaining the potential implications of applying scientific knowledge to society.</td>
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<td>Evaluate and design scientific investigations</td>
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<td>a. identifying questions for further exploration through scientific investigation;</td>
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<td>b. distinguishing questions that can be investigated scientifically;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>c. proposing ways of exploring a given question scientifically;</td>
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<td>d. evaluating how to explore questions scientifically; and</td>
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<td>e. explaining and evaluating like a scientist ensuring the reliability and objectivity of the data.</td>
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<td>Interpret scientific data and evidence I</td>
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<td>a. transforming data from one form of representation to another;</td>
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<td>b. analyzing and interpret data and drawing appropriate conclusions;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>c. identifying assumptions, evidence, and reasoning with related science;</td>
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<td></td>
<td>d. distinguishing between arguments based on scientific evidence, theory, and other considerations; and</td>
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<td>e. evaluating scientific arguments and evidence from different sources</td>
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The scientific literacy test used consisted of 15 multiple-choice items with open-ended reasons, namely five questions representing the ability to explain scientific phenomena, five questions representing the ability to evaluate and design scientific investigations, and five questions representing the ability to interpret scientific data and evidence. Each scientific literacy competency was measured using five indicators. This research analyzed students' answers based on the partitions in each indicator of scientific literacy competence. The analysis was used to obtain data on each indicator's percentage achievement in each of the competencies of scientific literacy. The percentage of
achievement of scientific literacy indicators was then interpreted into five categories presented in Table 2.

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<td>40 – 55</td>
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<td>56 – 65</td>
<td>Enough</td>
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<td>66 – 79</td>
<td>Good</td>
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<td>80 – 100</td>
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The data were analyzed using descriptive analysis techniques and comparative statistical analysis with the Independent Sample T-Test in this study. Descriptive analysis was used to describe the results of students' scientific literacy abilities per item. In contrast, comparative statistical analysis in the form of an independent Sample T-Test was used to test whether there was a difference in scientific literacy ability between the two classes, which was used by comparing the two averages of two unrelated groups, and the results were calculated with the SPSS 20.00 program.

**RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

**RESULT**

The analysis of the scientific literacy test scores showed that the average scientific literacy ability of students who received scientific literacy-assisted project learning was 82.67, while students who received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and used teaching materials commonly used in the lecture were 58.09. The ability of class A1 and A2 students in the three competencies of scientific literacy skills, namely explaining scientific phenomena, evaluating and designing scientific investigations, and interpreting scientific data and evidence, is presented in Figure 1.

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Figure 1
Comparison of the Abilities of Class A1 and A2 Students in Each Science Literacy Competency

Description: (1) explaining scientific phenomena; (2) evaluate and design scientific investigations; (3) interpret scientific data and evidence.

Based on Figure 1, it can be seen that the scientific literacy ability of class A1 students has a higher score in all three scientific literacy indicators than students of class A2, both in explaining scientific phenomena with an average score of 86.53 in A1 and 61.60 in A2, evaluating and designing scientific investigation with an average score of 81.73 in A1 and 59.07 in A2, and interpreting scientific data and evidence with an average score of 79.73 in A1 and 53.60 in A2. Then, comparing the ability to explain scientific phenomena between class A1 students who receive STEM integrated project-based learning assisted by scientific literacy modules and class A2 students who receive lecture learning accompanied by experiments and use teaching materials commonly used in class is presented in class Figure 2.

Figure 2
Comparison of Achievement Indicators of Ability to explain scientific phenomena for Class A1 and A2

Description: (1) remember and apply appropriate knowledge; (2) identify, use and produce a clear and representative model; (3) make and justify correct predictions; (4) provide a clear hypothesis; and (5) explain the potential implications of applying scientific knowledge to society.
Figure 2 shows that the score of each question for class A1 students in the indicator "ability to explain scientific phenomena" is higher than the scores of students in class A2 with an average score of 86.53 for class A1 and 61.60 for class A2. Furthermore, comparing the ability to evaluate and design scientific investigations between class A1 students who received STEM integrated project learning assisted by scientific literacy modules and A2 class students who received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and using teaching materials commonly used in class is presented in Figure 3.

Figure 3 shows that the score of each question for class A1 students in the indicator "evaluating and designing scientific investigations" is higher than the scores of students in class A2 with an average score of 81.73 for class A1 and 59.07 for class A2. Furthermore, comparing the ability to interpret scientific data and evidence between class A1 students who received STEM integrated project learning assisted by the scientific literacy module and class A2 students who received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and used teaching materials commonly used in class is presented in Figure 4.
Figure 4.
Comparison of Achievement Indicators Interpret Scientific Data and Evidence Class A1 and A2

Description: (1), transforming data from one form of representation to another; (2), analyze and interpret data and draw appropriate conclusions; (3), identify assumptions, evidence, and reasoning with related science; (4), distinguish between arguments based on scientific evidence, theory, and other considerations; and (5), evaluate scientific arguments and evidence from different sources.

Figure 4 shows that the score of each question for class A1 students in the indicator "interpreting scientific data and evidence" is higher than the scores of students in class A2 with an average score of 79.73 for class A1 and 53.60 for class A2.

Then, the normality test was carried out on the average results of the science literacy test scores in both class A1 and class A2, and it was found that the data were normally distributed with the p > .05. Having done that, the Independent T-test was carried out from the average results of the science literacy test scores of students in class A1 and class A2. The results of the average score of scientific literacy ability can be seen in Table 3.

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<td>A1</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>79.7333</td>
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<td>A2</td>
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Table 3 shows that the results of the scientific literacy score for class A1 obtained a mean of 79.7333, and the results of the scientific literacy score for class A2 obtained a mean of 53.6000. Thus, from the average value, it can be concluded that there is a temporary difference between the scientific literacy skills of class A1 students who receive project learning assisted by the scientific literacy module and class A2 students.
who receive lecture learning accompanied by experiments and use teaching materials commonly used in class. Moreover, the results of the independent T-test can be seen in Table 4.

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It can be seen from Table 4 that from the results of the t-test that $t_{\text{count}}$ (Equal Variance Assumed) is 16.832 while $t_{\text{table}}$ is at a significance level of 5% for df 58, then the $t_{\text{table}}$ value for the 5% significance level is 2.001. This finding means that $t_{\text{count}} > t_{\text{table}}$ (16.832 > 2.001) then $H_a$ is accepted. From this comparison, it can be concluded that there is a significant difference between the literacy abilities of class A1 students who receive STEM-based integrated project-based learning and class A2 students who receive lecture learning by experiment.

**DISCUSSION**

Science literacy is one of the goals of science education. The test analysis of science literacy ability showed that class A1 students who received STEM integrated project-based learning assisted by modules containing scientific literacy had higher literacy skills than students in class A2 who received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and used teaching materials commonly used in lectures. This difference in literacy abilities can be caused because class A1 students use teaching materials that contain scientific literacy so that their scientific literacy skills can develop better than class A2 students who do not use modules containing scientific literacy. The research finding is following the opinion of Dani, who states that the quality of teaching materials

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30 Danielle Dani, “Scientific Literacy and Purposes for Teaching Science: A Case Study of Lebanese Private School Teachers,” *International Journal of Environmental and Science Education* 4, no. 3 (July
used by teachers or lecturers plays a vital role in providing learning experiences that contain scientific literacy.

The results of this study are also following research conducted by Sugianto\textsuperscript{31}, which shows that the use of teaching materials with scientific literacy in the learning process can improve students' scientific literacy skills. The difference in scientific literacy abilities of the two research classes can also be caused by the first-class students getting integrated STEM project-based learning that involves students in real-life problem-solving activities and involves students in investigations. The involvement of students in these two activities allows students to apply the scientific concepts they have in real life to encourage students' scientific literacy skills to develop better than those who do not receive project-based learning. This finding is consistent with the results of research by McCright\textsuperscript{32}, which shows that students' scientific literacy skills can be improved through the application of project-based inquiry learning. In addition, the integration of STEM in project-based learning in lectures can encourage students to design, develop and utilize technology, hone cognitive, become manipulative and affective, and apply knowledge.\textsuperscript{33} This statement follows with the Permanasari\textsuperscript{34} who states that STEM can increase the mastery of knowledge to solve problems through scientific literacy and encourage students to create something new.

The scientific literacy abilities of students measured in this study include three competencies, namely the ability to explain scientific phenomena, evaluate and design scientific investigations, and interpret scientific data and evidence. This study indicates that students who receive STEM integrated project learning assisted by modules with scientific literacy in interpreting data and scientific evidence are lower than the other two scientific literacy competencies, as shown in Figure 1. The study results also show that students who receive lecture learning accompanied by Experiments have a lower ability

\textsuperscript{31} Sugianto, “Pengembangan Bahan Ajar Berbasis Literasi Sains Materi Suhu Dan Kalor.”
to evaluate and design scientific investigations than the other two scientific literacy competencies. The highest ability of students' scientific literacy in this study was to explain scientific phenomena. This finding follows the results of a study by Tjalla\textsuperscript{35}, which shows that the highest competence in students' scientific literacy in Indonesia is in the ability to explain scientific phenomena, while the lowest is in the ability to use scientific facts.

Five indicators measure the ability of students to explain scientific phenomena in this study. Figure 2 shows that the achievement of indicators (1), (2), (3), and (4) in the ability to explain scientific phenomena is relatively high compared to indicators (5). Students who obtained PjBL integrated STEM assisted by modules with scientific literacy showed a percentage of achievement of 94% on indicators of remembering and applying appropriate knowledge and 92% on indicators of identifying, using, and producing clear and representative models. This percentage was higher than students who received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and used teaching materials commonly used in class, which showed that indicators (1) and (2) were 82% and 65%, respectively. Students who obtain STEM integrated PjBL assisted by modules with scientific literacy have been able to remember and apply appropriate knowledge properly and sufficiently identify, use, and produce clear and representative models. Students who receive lecture learning accompanied by experiments and use teaching materials commonly used in class are sufficiently capable of remembering and applying appropriate knowledge but have not identified, used, and produced clear and representative models, as shown in Figure 2. Research results also show that both groups of students can explain the potential implications of applying scientific knowledge to society.

The profile of students' abilities in explaining scientific phenomena shows that the highest ability that can be achieved by both students who receive project learning and those who receive lecture learning accompanied by experiments is the ability to remember and apply appropriate knowledge. This phenomenon happens because this ability is the lowest in achieving scientific literacy skills. Students in class A1 are better at remembering and applying appropriate knowledge than students in class A2. The cause

\textsuperscript{35} Awaluddin Tjalla, “Potret Mutu Pendidikan Indonesia Ditinjau Dari Hasil-Hasil Studi Internasional” (Temu Ilmiah Nasional Guru II: Membangun Profesionalitas Insan Pendidikan Yang Berkarakter dan Berbasis Budaya, Tangerang Selatan, 2010), http://repository.ut.ac.id/2609/.
is that grade A1 student better understand the concept, as conveyed by Hixson\textsuperscript{36} and Sastrika\textsuperscript{37}, who stated that project-based learning could improve understanding of concepts and learning outcomes.

The ability of students to evaluate and design scientific investigations in this study is measured based on five indicators. The achievement of competence in evaluating and designing scientific investigations in class A1 is relatively high on indicators (1), (2), and (3) compared to indicators (4) and (5), as shown in Figure 3. Figure 3 shows that students' abilities STEM integrated PjBL is assisted by modules containing scientific literacy in evaluating and designing scientific investigations higher than students who do not receive project learning. This finding is following the opinion of Khalek & Lee\textsuperscript{38}, who states that project learning encourages students to carry out constructive investigations that involve planning, decision making, problem-solving, and discovery. According to Uziak\textsuperscript{39}, project-based learning encourages students to be involved in various investigative and decision-making activities based on their knowledge.

The ability of students to interpret data and scientific evidence in this study is measured by five indicators. Figure 4 shows that class A1 students are quite capable of transforming data from one form of representation to another and can analyze and interpret data, including drawing appropriate conclusions. Class A2 students can transform data from one form of representation to another but have not analyzed and interpreted data or draw appropriate conclusions. This finding shows that grade A1 students are better at interpreting scientific data and evidence than grade A2 students. In addition, PjBL requires students to demonstrate their knowledge by producing products and presenting them in front of their peers. This research finding is in line with the opinion


of Robinson⁴⁰, who states that students in project learning are allowed to use their knowledge in creating products that are then presented. Students in project learning can produce products after conducting investigations and use their investigations to solve real-life problems. According to Roessingh & Chambers⁴¹ students in the project learning is given tasks to solve real problems to encourage students to develop high-level reflection skills and higher-order thinking skills.

CONCLUSION

The scientific literacy abilities of students who received STEM integrated project learning assisted by modules with scientific literacy were better, with an average test result of 82 compared to students who received lecture learning accompanied by experiments and used teaching materials commonly used in lecture with an average test result of 58. Besides, Independent T-Test showed a significant difference between the literacy abilities of class A1 students and class A2 students. The highest class A1 students' scientific literacy is in the ability to explain scientific phenomena, and the lowest is in the ability to interpret data and scientific evidence. The scientific literacy ability of students who get lecture learning accompanied by experiments is the highest in the ability to explain scientific phenomena, and the lowest is in the ability to evaluate and design scientific investigations. The results of this research indicate that the ability of students to interpret data and scientific evidence in STEM integrated project-based learning assisted by modules with scientific literacy is still low, so further research is needed to make modifications to the PjBL integrated STEM model assisted by this module to be more effective in improving student abilities in interpreting scientific data and evidence.

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