**ABSTRACT**

**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEBATE TO IMPROVE**

**STUDENTS’ ABILITY IN SPEAKING**

**AT SMA NEGERI 1 SALANG**

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The purpose of this research was to know the implementation of debate technique can improve the students’ speaking ability at SMA Negeri 1 Salang.

The kind of this research is classroom action research (CAR) which was conducted in two cycles. Each cyle consist of one meeting. Furthermore this research was done in four steps that were planning, acting, observing, and reflecting. Object of this research was students’ speaking ability. In collecting the data, the researcher used test, observation and documentation.

The result of this research showed that classroom debate technique has positive role in improving students’ speaking ability at SMA Negeri 1 Salang. It can be proved by the students’ average score from the initial score, cycle I, cycle II. The average score in initial score was 57.2 and in cycle I was 62.4 and in cycle II became 81.9. It means that the use of classroom debate technique can improve students’ speaking ability. It can be concluded that through classroom debate can improve the students’ ability in speaking at SMA Negeri 1 Salang.