CONTEXTUALIZATION AS A MEAN OF DEVELOPING PATRIOTISM

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Contextualization is a process of adapting foreign concepts and incorporating real life situations appropriate to the learning competency suggested by the curriculum. It has been widely understood that examples from the books and some concepts in it are influences of westernize culture. It has been a perennial problem in the country that students have difficulty in achieving and performing well in class. Most of the known reasons collected were illiteracy, innumeracy and the most controversial is unfamiliarity.

Unfamiliarity in concepts is a big challenge on how will these be presented to the learners, but more difficult is to accompany these big ideas and unfamiliar concepts with another unfamiliar representations. Representations that are not readily available in the environment or even in the country. Thus, giving teachers a hard time of developing more related examples and instructional material which could have been provided and reviewed before disseminating instructional materials. However, this makes a more sound act of teaching. It enlivens the spirit of the teachers in providing quality education through identifying the needs of their students and giving them appropriate avenues in learning complex concepts.

Aside from that, contextualization defines one community and allowing the community to be part of the classroom instruction. This way resources can be maximized and be able to utilize in terms of the needed materials which are readily present in the community. It promotes awareness to the learners on classifying and identifying their identity as a member of the community and as a Filipino. Patriotism is highly expected to be developed among students which experience contextualization. This is due to their exposure to the different authentic materials used by their teachers in explaining foreign
concepts. With this, the level of unfamiliarity lessens. Instead on focusing to materials to be used, thorough discussion may be given focus to transfer concepts and ideas.

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