EDUCATION EVOLUTION: THE SHIFT FROM TRADITIONAL TEACHING METHOD TO TRANSFORMATIONAL EDUCATION

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Education has always been present in the human history. From the primitive ages to the pre-colonial era, people has always been keen in learning new things to improve their skills. It is part of the very fiber of a human to crave for knowledge, to grow, and to learn.

In terms of improvement, education clearly evolved. From the old-school ways of instruction to the modern techy methods used today. But for decades, although the method has always been improving, the style of teaching seemed to take a stand-still.

But just recently the term ‘Transformational Education’ surfaced. It is a teaching style wherein the teachers hold upon the belief that teachers are more than just tools to transfer information. That the duty of a teacher is greater than just conducting lectures. Rather than just focusing on the contents of topics, the transformational education help students to have critical mind set by participating with the learning process. It also introduces the concept of setting goals and reflecting on achievements as well as failures. In the process of transformational Education, the students are encouraged to embrace the existence of failures and mistakes because it is a part of learning. As according to Albert Einstein “A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

This style of educational method is more interactive and requires the involvement of the class. It pushes students to interact and brainstorm with each other, which in return transform the classroom atmosphere into a learning community wherein each student
can share his/her questions and the class can collectively come up with suitable answers. Unlike other methods which limits the use of group activity due to the belief that it will only serve to teach student to be dependent to other, in the Transformational method, it is very much embraced. In this style teachers are focused in regulating and making sure that although the class learn as a team, they still able to grow individually.

The key skills that this teaching style wants to engrave to the students are the ability to analyze problems, synthesize and interpret information and make connections.

The concept of this teaching style is build as much connection between the actual reality of the students environment and the lessons being thought. This enables them to comprehend and relate to the topics better which will aid them in remembering it faster with a greater chance of retention.

The Transformational Education banks on the fact that people remember more of what they experience and felt rather than just a passing topic discussed. It is way to bypass the short-term memory of the students. Students becomes active learners and active learners are more eager to learn more and are more enthusiastic in coming to school.

As an overview, the style of teaching that the Transformational Education promotes is the more communicating and cooperative learning. It is more effective compared to the traditional teaching style especially since the newer generations’ patience are shorter as well as their attention span. Having them sit through a laborious lecture will just bore them, and boredom can be the worst enemy of learning, someone needs to be interested in order to absorbed new information.
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