EMPOWERING THE YOUTH THROUGH SOCIAL STUDIES

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Being a significant component of the educational curriculum particularly in basic education, Social Studies may be a tool in educating the youth and empowering them to be more cognizant on knowledge regarding people and society and also on various issues as well.

Though teaching Social Studies to our beloved learners, the creation of societal awareness is being within each individual. The learners may attain consciousness on the essential information about the society and its people. The learner may have an in-depth discussion of how our society is formed and how are the people are being managed to be productive and fruitful in different life undertakings. Awareness of the society and its people is undeniably empowering on the part of the youth.

Understanding human behaviors, relationships, growth and development and resources are the utmost concerns in the study of Social Studies. The students may have a peak view on the way people behave in different parts of the world. They may also have a grasp on the relationships of people whether in family or in other institutions and the ways they relate and communicate with each other. In addition, the students learn about the growth and development of different places and countries and how they utilized their natural and human resources for their welfare and betterment.

It is very important that students may learn about the people’s participation in the events in the society. The learners need to learn on the people’s assembly, election, plebiscite, referendum and the like wherein the people’s participation are necessary. There are also celebrations and monumental happenings that have bearings with the local
and national governments as well as in international affairs. This is one way of empowering their minds on the significant occasions in the world.

Social Studies may teach the learners in decision making. Since the learners are exposed to what are happening in the society, their prudence is being developed and further enhanced. As a result, these learns are able to formulate wise decisions on different matters most especially those things that they are directly involved like to agree or disagree on certain perspectives. They are being empowered to think profoundly and intelligently.

After reading varied books on Social Studies, interacting with people of different cultures may be easy and comfortably. The knowledge on different cultural backgrounds are very useful in understanding people from all walks of life. The students are able to understand the ways on how people manage their ways of living and also learn to accept their distinctive attributes as peculiar to their groups or races. Astonishingly, the learners acquire the power and ability to adjust to diverse people.

The societal norms and standards are also studied in Social Studies. Countries and territories in the world differ in terms of norms and standards. It is vital for the students to learn from Social Studies teachers the reasons behind these differences. The students who are being enlightened by teachers tend to be more knowledgeable and competent.

Social Studies may also instill the realization of a peaceful and productive life. Students have to inculcate the love for harmony and peace not only within the family but also throughout the community or even beyond. Social Studies show how people were united in order to uphold peace and goodwill.

The learners significantly encounter the historical backgrounds of different places through the study of Social Studies. It is really very interesting on the part of the students to visually see the pictures of the events of history that unfolded in each country or nation. This is indeed empowering on the part of each learner.
Another great thing in Social Studies is that geographical information are provided. Students learn the exact information as to the locations and features of the different places in the world. Having the said data would be beneficial to the learners.

Social Studies may assure world-rounded education for the student’s empowerment and to change them for the better or even at the best as people of the world. As the former South African President Nelson Mandela once said,” Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

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