EVOLVING KNOWLEDGE THROUGH EVOLVING WORLD

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The beginning of civilization has constantly evolved the way people learn. These could happen naturally as a result of changes in culture, needs and behavior. We could not live the same way we are living 50 years ago. Mr. Prensky says on BBC News in year 2015, “We are living in an age of accelerating change. We have to experiment and figure out what works. A modern society full of imagination, ingenuity, innovation, and digital wisdom is on the ground floor”. Looking back at history, technology has been a driving force for many changes; including some painting, advertisement, home appliances, and most of today, the internet.

Technology is part of so many daily activities, from waking up by an alarm clock to using a mobile phone to read the latest news, and even recording a video or taking a photo of your little plants up to sending text messages to your love ones.

It is undeniable then to see how easy our life is with technology. Today, in the midst of pandemic, technology is an emerging foundation for everyone. Thousands of schools, teachers, and learners all over the world had to switch to virtual teaching and learning in the face of the pandemic. While most of them, is successfully continuing education through the aid of educational technology and online learning.

This generation has grown up with technology at their fingertips. They are comfortable in sharing up thoughts and ideas using social media. According to Milligan (2010), 90% of school-age youth use the internet with adolescent ages 12 to 17, which indicates the fastest growing of group of users. Students nowadays are encouraging to
share not just status updates, or to talk with their friends, but to share topic of education and learning.

Technology has the ability to change the way we think, the way of accomplishing tasks. It really provided us a platform so we can connect to each other. It allows teachers to integrate what they need to teach. Alvermann explains that educator needs to understand this in order to completely appreciate the different forms of content that learners create through visual, records, sounds, etc. (Alvermann, 2008).

In an article of (Robin, 2008), he shares those studies have discovered integrating visual images with written text both enhances and accelerates student's comprehension (p.222). The technology is here to help the teachers capture student’s attention through making PowerPoint presentations, Prezzis, Excels, Microsoft words etc. The teachers will deliver the lesson effectively with the help of these technologies.

Truly, technology never failed to amaze us. It allows us to live efficiently, provides us with knowledge, and we can learn from it. But the boundaries that are set for us can never be forgotten. So much can be toxic. We have to use stuff wisely; we cannot misuse how the world gives us all our needs.

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