HOW TO MAKE AN INTERESTING CLASSROOM DISCUSSION?

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As a teacher, it is always a rewarding feeling when you know that your pupils are looking forward for the next discussion. It means that they enjoyed the classroom interactions and they are enthusiastic to learn more.

Getting started in a classroom discussion requires deeper planning and analyzing. How can you make your discussion meaningful to your pupils? Before the discussion, the teacher should see to it that the learners should encourage one another in such manner wherein they can be more familiar with each other. If its your first time with the class let them feel comfortable. On the other hand, the teacher should set up rules and regulations to follow such as being polite when talking, listening when someone is speaking and learn raising their hands if they want to be heard.

It is the obligation of the teacher to make the discussion lively and well participated so he/she should prepare list of activities and questions that will make the conversation on track with his/her objective. The teacher should also be specific and clear in giving topic for the pupils. This will make the pupils eager to express their ideas if they know what they are talking about.

During the discussion, call on variety of people to make sure different ideas are being heard but make sure that pupils are being heard in an organized manner. If a pupil ask a certain question leading to a big argument, just movo on and don’t turn the discussion into lecture instead go on with the conversation and don’t let it dies out. If the pupil explain something confusing it is okay for the teacher to paraphrase in a way that
help others to understand the point of view. Never repeat what the pupils had said but instead let the pupils listen to each other idea, rather that the teacher recapping everything.

At the end of the discussion, consolidate pupils different point of views that were brought forth during the discussion. Ask how what they learned will help them in the future. Let the pupils reflect what the discussion meaningful to them and how they can use the insights gained to improve themselves in the future.

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