RUBRICS: A FAIR JUDGE

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Essays, journals, write ups and performances are learners’ outputs arduous to check and grade during my days in school. They were even judged differently. They were assessed based on the emotions, modes or limited experiences and information of the assessor.

This was attested by the story of my professor, Dr. Marilou U. Balagtas in Philippine Normal University (PNU) decade ago. She said curious stroke her on the score her classmate got in the essay their teacher asked them to write. When she got the opportunity to read her classmate’s output, it was stated in the first stanza of one of the beautiful song she ever heard “Greatest Love of All” The essay contained the whole lyrics of a song popularized by a well-known singer, Whitney Houston. She was very frustrated with how their work were judged. This was the reason why she focused her studies and researches on rubrics. Rubrics that play a great role in assessing pupils’ performance.

Since rubrics are tools used to judge pupils’ task. The pupils’ performances that are not answered with correct or wrong or with only one response. An accurately designed assessment which consists of specific criteria and performance indicators that assess pupils’ performance.

Utilizing rubrics in assessing pupils’ task ousted bias. Pupils’ outputs are assessed crystal clear. There is a consistency and accuracy in assessing. Teachers’ objective and learning targets are attained. It forced pupils to focus on their efforts so as to produce quality outputs. More so it does not give the learners the opportunity to complain about
the grades they get. And guardians will not be dubious on how their child’s work are judged.

Indeed, rubrics judges fairly in terms of pupils’ performance task.

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