TEACHER IN A DIGITAL WORLD BREAKING THE LIMITS OF TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION

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Technology has continuously flourished—its major achievements have indeed improved people’s way of life with its great impact to society, especially in the education system. It is now a tool that drives students into a deepened learning in a dynamic classroom. The value of teaching in a traditional method is getting less interesting for the students since everything around them is upgrading constantly.

In teaching, technology and the teacher cooperate closely, so the latter can teach in more meaningful ways. The fact that students nowadays are “techy”, most of them can easily manipulate gadgets and how those could be of great help in studying. So, the teacher must innovate the traditional instruction that meets the digital and global needs of the students. Instead of using pictures, video scan be more stimulating for the students. Also, the use of audio recordings for speeches accompanied by texts of prominent people can be engaging as well. Technology enhances the capability of teachers to impart knowledge in more advanced ways.

However, technology alone cannot be effective in the classroom. Without the teacher it can only have minimal success – it cannot replace the teacher no matter how advanced technology is. Teachers are the ones steering the wheel of knowledge for the students for a better understanding. Strategies combined with appropriate technological implementation are set to meet the academic expectations.

Teachers grow into roles of adviser, content expert, and coach when they effectively integrate technology into subject areas. Teaching and learning can be more
meaningful and fun with the help of technology. According to Wantulok (2015), having access to other information outside of the book gives students varied ways to learn a concept. It has indeed helped teachers to keep them engaged in many creative ways and provides a more hands-on experienced in the learning environment.

Whether we like it or not, technology is already an important part of learning. It is a primary part of every industry, and there is no way around it. Both the teacher and technology play an important role in molding student’s ability, a scaffolding that paves the way into becoming active learners of the modern generation. Hence, teachers must be open to innovations; there is always something new with the system and change is inevitable so might as well be creative in maximizing the use of technology.

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