TEACHING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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For the past centuries, technology has evolved and improved its appearance and purposes. Technology has been a great help and beneficial to us humans. It has helped and continues to help us with our everyday needs, and now, we are currently living in an era wherein the use of technology has been a necessity, a need that everyone cannot survive without. As seen on the everyday lives of every human being, almost everything, from big to small things, such as communicating with our friends and relatives, to buying the things that we need and even the mere alarm clock system can be operated and done using technology.

When it comes to studying, students and even teachers nowadays most likely chooses to search on the internet in order to seek answers for their assignments, reports, and researches rather than trying to search from books, encyclopedias, and other periodicals that were just sitting there on the bookshelves, waiting for them to be used. But the uses of computer and new age of technology can be infinite if the teachers themselves are not able to use it wisely and correctly inside the classroom, then it fails. They are saying that it is easier to browse on the internet than to search from books, since in the internet they are just one-click away to finding what they need. Even in creating presentations and reports, people intended to just create slideshows and PowerPoint presentations than write in manila papers or cartolinas.

This modernization that we are experiencing is not always a good thing or a bad thing, but it is either of the two. It can either be an advantage or a disadvantage. Advantage because it makes everything ‘a click away’ and a disadvantage because it allows people to rely too much on technology. Instead of searching bunch of books and
dissertations in order to find the answer to an answer to an assignment, students tend to just search it on the internet since it is faster. But what does it really mean when we put education and technology side by side? Will this bring havoc or the opposite?

Technologization of education will always be advantage went put into good use. According to David Warlick, “We need technology in every classroom and in every student and teacher’s hand, because it is the pen and paper of our time, and it is the lens through which we experience much of our world.” Indeed, in searching for information, and facts on the internet, one must be careful and wary of plagiarism, or if the information that they have gathered is reliable or not. Through this, the use of technology in education will bring good things. But for Bill Gates, “Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.”

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