TEACHING STYLES THAT ARALING PANLIPUNAN TEACHERS MUST POSSESS

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Araling Panlipunan or Social Studies is one of the subjects that often perceived to be a boring subject because of the long texts and different names, events, dates and places to memorize. Philippines has a great historical story from the time of Filipino ancestors to the time of struggles where different countries conquered and suppressed its nation’s freedom. This a great challenge for Araling Panlipunan teachers to bring a purpose in a classroom. It is not about memorizing but how students may apply the knowledge they get from the school to real situations in life.

In order for a teacher to be effective there are different teaching styles he/she may apply in every lesson that he/she may present to his/her students.

1. Mastery of the lesson

Teachers must know their strengths and weakness about a definite topic. It is very important for a teacher to know his limitations about the topic to be presented. In this way he can do an advanced research about it to strengthen his knowledge and confidence in teaching the students. He may also add some trivia about the topic to make the lesson more interesting.

2. Set a positive connection through communication

Communication is an oldest tool to stimulate the student’s interest. A proper communication may set a positive connection to students if ideas and knowledge are well-introduced to the students. In building positive connection to the students, it is not
necessary for them to like the teacher but to understand the struggle of the teacher for them to learn and give a better foundation for their good future.

3. **Set the rules and boundaries**

   In a classroom set up, a teacher must set the rules clearly for the students know the boundaries about the teacher-students relationship. While building the rapport to the students, it is very important to set the boundaries. It is for the students to realize their limitations. The teachers may also give his standards and expectations for better teaching-learning relationship.

4. **Act as second parent in its real meaning**

   In dealing with students, a teacher must show an affection that mother or fatherhood brings. Treat them the way you treat your sons and daughters. When the students feel that they are being treated with warm heart, it will be an inspiration for them to study harder.

5. **Inspire your students to realize their potential and talents**

   Teachers must inspire his students to harness their talents. They may give different activities that may enhance their abilities through participating actively. Teachers may give different tasks for them to be flexible and brave enough to face any challenges that they may meet in real life situation.

6. **Let the students realize that learning is immortal**

   Let the students realize that as long as they live, learning will take place. It is a never-ending process that in every aspect of their lives new learning will come. Teacher may give examples or situations that the students may relate to their everyday lives.
Different strategies and techniques in teaching are always available for the teachers who seek aid to enhance teaching styles. Teachers must not stop from learning because students have a never-ending needs.

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