THE CONTEXTUALIZED LESSON

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One of the main features of the K-12 curriculum is the contextualization of the lessons. Contextualization is nothing new to the education field actually. Most of the teachers may have been using this already it’s just that they are not simply aware of it.

Contextualization means that the instruction provided by the teacher is adapted to the level of the students.

One main question that the teacher must bear in mind so as to push through with contextualization is “How will the student connect to the lesson? What will the student gain after learning the skill? How will this become meaningful to the students right now?”

If the teacher is able to answer those question in the course of the execution of the lesson, then the teacher is in the right tract of claiming that he/she is contextualizing the lesson inside the classroom.

This may prove to be a challenging task for the teacher. One factor to consider is how may the teacher identify how the students give value to certain topics? How would all students be able to relate to the topic and realize the meaning they could get from it? And lastly, how will the lesson be able to make them a better individual afterwards.

The teacher must be resourceful, intuitive and sensitive to the needs and situation of each members of the class. If the teacher is able to perform this feat, then a smooth sailing course through the sea of information and learning is rest assured.

Dealing with all of the factors to consider, to make matters simpler and easier, the teacher can just simply ask him/herself this. “Kung ako ang student at inaral ko to, eh anu naman sakin? Anu mahihita ko dito?” simply put what is to be gained in relation so social relevance and importance after studying the lesson. If the teacher is
able to give a sound answer and is able to transcend that answer or maybe just be able to solicit that idea from the students, then the lesson can really be considered to be contextualized.

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