THE DIFFERENT ROLES OF A TEACHER

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Being a teacher makes us flexible individuals who can assume different characters in order to enhance our learning techniques. We can take on different roles that best suit the circumstance. Most commonly, a teacher can be a controller or a mediator. A controller teacher is usually the center or focus inside the classroom. She directs the learning process and is completely in charge of what the students do. A controller is also very clear and strict on the expected outcome of each lesson. Although this role could inhibit students from expressing their thoughts, it is also very useful in many situations. For instance, a teacher normally becomes a controller when introducing a new and challenging lesson, or when dealing with a difficult class. A facilitator on the other hand, encourages student's participation in every lesson. She inspires discussion with students, stimulates their minds, and allows them to express their opinion. This creates an energetic and animated environment conducive to learning. A teacher also usually assumes this role to check for understanding and to measure the students' learning. For instance, this role is extremely useful when discussing an assignment, to summarize the lesson at the end of the class, or as a preparation for an important exam.

There are countless other roles that a teacher portrays all in order to enrich the learning process. As long as it is done for this purpose, we know that we are on the right path. After all, each teacher is uniquely gifted and teaching can take different forms.

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