VITAL TRAITS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNER

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Mahatma Gandhi remarkably said, “Learn as if you were to live forever.” This famous line is congruent to the challenge that the 21st century learner is now facing. This also connotes that the 21st century learner has to possess traits which are needed in their pursuit for education in order to survive in this fast-pace generation.

Inquisitive. The first trait that is expected from a 21st century learner is to be inquisitive. This is showing the interest to ask sensible questions regarding various things concerning life and the world. An inquisitive learner acquires abundant knowledge and insights.

Creative. Another important trait of a 21st century learner is to be creative. Creativity is shown in the way things are done. Someone who is creative may do things beautifully and meaningfully. It is executing things with artistry and sophistication.

Innovative. Being innovative is somewhat presenting something new or novel. The 21st century learner is being encouraged to be inventive and to have breakthroughs in various fields of learning which may be in science, in technology and among others.

Collaborative. The next trend that we see now among the 21st century learners is being collaborative. This means that the learners have to show cooperation with the other members of the group in dealing with certain goals that should be accomplished.

Participative. The 21st century learners are participative in the sense that they extend their willingness in the realization of the classroom and school activities. To be participative, someone has to be tolerant and appreciative of others.
Critical Thinker. The 21st century should also think critically. This means the learner should think highly on the things that they read. They also need to trace the essence or meaning of every concept they encounter.

Globally Competitive. The 21st century learner is also globally competitive which means that this kind of student should possess standards in order to be comparable to the students in other countries.

Good Communicator. A 21st century learner is also a good communicator. This means that this learner has the communication skill in order to talk clearly and intelligently.

These are the vital traits that are being expected from the 21st century learners…the learners of the new generation.

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