

BORING SUBJECTS OR BORING TEACHERS?

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A teacher is commonly known as a person who assists others to gain knowledge, skills and values that can be used to have a good life. An effective teacher characterizes as warm, approachable, passionate and caring. Great teachers teach their students to trust not only the teachers but also their classmates. They also lend listening ears and make ways to have time for those who need their advice and assistance. They seek ways to make every class worthwhile by utilizing different strategies and techniques. Teachers are resourceful and creative. Therefore, what could be the reasons why students find some subjects boring? Are the lessons really uninteresting or is it the teacher?

Lecturers often say that there are no boring subjects from school, opposite from what the students are saying, because these subjects are composed of interesting topics and lessons; the way teachers deliver these topics and lessons make them boring. Students often tell people that Social Studies or Filipino subjects are boring because they only read history and stories from the books. As you scan the pages of Social Studies and Filipino books, it is evident that there are long passages and lectures that require a lot of time to read. However, there are teachers who can make these long lectures interesting by using different tools such as multimedia, ICT integration and other lively activities. Those teachers who failed to do these things are lazy according to some researches, or they are too preoccupied with the things at home. They are too busy doing household chores and attending to the needs of their children that they do not have the time to construct a better lesson plan.

Boring teachers will enter their classes carrying nothing but a chalk box or visual aids containing the lectures that the students have to copy. It is a sad reality that some teachers neglect their duties as facilitator of knowledge.

However, the Department of Education has proposed a way to give teachers more time to plan their lessons. DepEd has implemented the six teaching hours and the remaining two hours will be utilized for the preparation of the lesson plan, doing some instructional materials and designing their own power point presentation. The teachers may spend the two hours in school or at home. The department also conducts different trainings and seminars that will motivate and help teachers in executing their lessons.

Aside from trainings and seminars, salary increase may also a big factor to motivate teachers to do their best in teaching the students. It may lessen the burden they are carrying especially for those who are the sole bread winner of the family.

Administrators may help their teachers by strengthening their weaknesses, they may provide technical assistance that the teachers needed. Happy teachers produce quality and lifelong learners.

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