

## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING IN SOCIAL STUDIES

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Collaborative learning is defined as the team up of different persons to come up with a better output. It involves two or more students to learn something or investigate a certain problem to achieve common goals. In collaborative learning, each member of the team has different task to do; one can be the researcher, another member can be the evaluator of each other's ideas and others can be assigned as checker of the group. Members are actively participating to share their experiences, ideas and suggestions and carry out the assigned task on them.

Students with different talents and skills are working together to make an exceptional output that will establish deeper learning among the students. This learning style is best applied to Social Studies which include various facts, names, date and events that need memorization in order to retain the information in the short term memory. Students who are collaborating with other students may create a film showing including some events in the history, the combination of their skills may produce high quality instruction materials that can be utilize inside the classroom. They may create innovative materials to make learning easier in Social Studies.

Collaborative learning has positive effects to students, aside from obtaining deeper knowledge on contents, they will develop self-confidence and good communication skills. They will learn to handle different situation that may arise while doing their work. They will learn the proper attitude in dealing with different persons with different personalities.

Researches and studies concluded that collaborative or cooperative learning is a favourable method which can be utilize by the Social Studies teachers because it promotes improvement in academic and social interaction of the students.

It is very important for the teachers to know the prior knowledge, interest and learning styles of the students in assigning the tasks. The welfare of the students is the best interest of every teaching-learning process.

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