

## A CREATIVE TEACHER

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As an educator, it is expected that you need to continue improving yourself in terms of potentials, abilities, or talents. You may realize that you are doing it not only for oneself but also to others as well. It is great to know that because of your creativity that you can influence, affect, and inspire the people around you.

In what means may an educator or teacher be creative? Let us ponder on the ways to attain creativity in the teaching profession.

At first a teacher is expected to realize that he or she must go beyond the box. This is being out of your comfort zone. You need to do something better and at the same time artistic. For instance, in the way you teach the learners, you need to think of an innovation in the delivery of instructions, have it constructed and then have it applied for the learners' creative activity. In other words, be creative in your teaching strategy.

A teacher's creativity may also be shown in the way he or she makes instructional devices. A teacher may construct creative devices by using new materials, used materials around or by using other educational resources. Students love to see a teacher who is well-prepared and very inventive in presenting concepts or lessons. The teacher may easily catch the attention of students if the learning devices are relevant, useful, and artistic. This is pertaining to the materials in teaching.

There are other ways to show the teacher's creativity. The presence of technology. Using technology, the teacher may prepare interactive activities that are enticing to learners. The class activities may become fun, exciting, dynamic, and interactive if the

teacher is presenting educational videos, documentaries, slides and other multimedia presentations that are related and relation to the lessons in a certain learning area. This is indeed using technology.

The teacher's creativity is also shown in terms of giving activities and assessments. Going beyond the usual evaluation tests, the teacher may have different assessments that lead the students to use critical thinking, cooperative tasks and tests that are presenting Higher Order Thinking Skills or HOTS. A teacher may also be integrative by relating one performance tasks to other subject areas if possible. In other words, intellectual activity is helpful.

Another way to show the teacher's creativity is through collaborating ideas with other teachers. Being able to fuse ideas together is fruitful. A teacher may be able to learn, unlearn and relearn with peers or colleagues. A teacher may be able to improve oneself with the good influences of others. This tells that collaboration is advantageous.

To be a creative teacher, you need to ponder and contemplate on the aforementioned ideas. Truly, being creative is beneficial, helpful, and useful!

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