

CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE TEACHER IT IS

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Innovative and creative are two different but related key words that describe a successful teacher. These two words must be acquired or possessed by a teacher who wants to develop whole rounded learners.

The current trends these days are the creation and utilization of modern methods, strategies, and devices with the aid of computer technology. However, teachers or educators can be creative and innovative even in the absence of technology. Based on Childhood Education International when we speak about “innovation”, it does not only mean the application of technology in teaching by utilizing computers but also technological awareness and so much more than technology. Innovation in teaching is simply creativity and invention. It means continues improvement in current methods and experiments and discover ways that are better in delivering skills and content knowledge to learners. Expound the learners’ skills and make sure that learners get the best learning experience ever. An innovative and creative teacher must be excited in creating teaching strategies that are new and suitable to a group of learners and address these learners’ needs. He or she gives “toolbox” within the confinement in the four corners of the learning area, uses games, group work, team collaboration and the like applicable for life-long learning. He/she helps learners think critically and form conclusions and insights. She helps the learners become problem solvers. Ken Robinson said, “generation of new ideas and realizing them is creativity”. To be an innovative and creative teacher, he or she must promote active and independent learning. Both innovativeness and creativeness are essential in the teaching of teachers and learning of learners.

The twenty -first century education is a learner-centered process. It includes elements of communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and values (Malaysian Ministry of Education, 2017) It prepares learners with essential skills needed in a fast-changing world. It provides the learners with the sets them up for jobs that are yet to come.

Hence, teachers must be abreast of the specific challenges in education. And being a creative and innovative teacher creates a good if not better impact on learners' success.

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