

High Two – Unit Ten - Summary

Teaching theories can be organized into two categories: a teacher-centered approach versus a student-centered approach. Both of these teaching methods have pros and cons. In the following, we are going to compare these two teaching strategies with each other.

In teacher-centered education, students put all of their focus on the teacher. The teacher talks and the students exclusively listen. During activities, students work alone, and collaboration is discouraged. In this style, teaching and assessment are viewed as two separate entities; student learning is measured through objectively scored tests and examinations.

When a classroom is operated with student-centered instructions, instead of listening to the teacher exclusively, students and teachers interact equally. Group work is encouraged, and students learn to collaborate and communicate with one another. In these classes, students' learning is measured through formal and informal forms of assessment, like group projects, student portfolios, and class participation.

In recent years, more teachers have moved toward a student-centered approach. However, some students maintain that teacher-centered education is more effective. In most cases, teachers should use a combination of techniques to ensure that all student needs are met.



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- 1- As a teacher, could you retain full control of the classroom in teacher-centered classes? Why?
- 2- How could teacher-centered classes enhance the self-reliance of a student in life?
- 3- Would the communication skills of a student increase/decrease in a teacher-centered class? Why?
- 4- Which one could be boring for students. Student-centered classes or teacher-centered classes? Why?
- 5- Could students express themselves in student-centered classes?
- 6- How are students more interested in learning activities in student-centered classes?
- 7- Is it possible for student-centered classes to be chaotic? Why?
- 8- How could students who tend to work alone adapt themselves to student-centered classes?
- 9- Why could a mix of the two approaches create a well-balanced educational atmosphere?
- 10- As a student, which class is your favorite one. Student-centered or teacher-centered classes?



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