



1st semester

Topic 7:

Creative ways of learning





Education expert Sir Ken Robinson notes that in the factories of the 20th century, creativity was not valued. Yet in the startups of the 21st century, **it's critical for success**. What can teachers do — right now — to prepare students for the world of the future? Below, ways to teach creativity in the classroom:

Explore new inspiration sources together

Creativity needs to be fed a steady diet of inspiration. Some tried and true sources? **Nature, music, art, science fiction, travel** — the list goes on. Anything that rewards student curiosity can feed creativity.



Allow Students to Work Together

There has been extensive research on using cooperative learning strategies in the classroom. Research says that when students work together, they **retain information quicker and longer**, they **develop critical thinking skills**, and they **build their communication skills**. Those are just a few of the benefits cooperative learning has on students.



Incorporate Technology Into Lessons

Technology is a great way to make learning fun. Research has shown that using technology in the classroom can increase student learning and engagement. While using overhead projectors and tabletop computers can still facilitate student interest, they just may become a thing of the past. Smartphones and tablets offer a variety of classroom apps that can meet all of your students' instructional needs.



Go on a Field Trip

What's more fun than a field trip? Field trips are **a great way for students to connect what they are learning in school with the outside world.** They get a hands-on view of everything they learned in school, and they get to connect what they learned to what they are seeing at the exhibit.

