1st Essay Assignment

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-Being an owner of the class-

“I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.”

In modern society, more and more the importance of English communication skill is getting higher. So now it’s the time to think how we can improve our English communication skills more effectively.

There is one of my successful ways to study English that I have experienced in Australia.

I’d like to share how was it like, why I liked that English class that much and how could I imply to my future teaching method.

I went to Holmes college language school located in Gold coast, Australia. I was there from Nov 17th 2004 and Jan 30th 2005.

My teacher was Ms. Christine and she was more close to enabler type of teacher as I remembered. She’s always trying to make class fun and her teaching styles enabled us to think outside of the book. I think she tried to make the modern classroom for us to be more participants of the class.

Each class, she gave us one topic to discuss in a small group. After that, we sat down in a circle and we shared the conclusion that we have from the small group discussion.

We’re like an owner of the class, so we had responsibility to lead our class well. When I recall back those time, I really enjoyed the increased ownership of the class because it makes me think that I’m somebody there even though I wasn’t the best student. Sometimes we discuss about political issues or social events. In this way, I could learn not only the English communication skills but also about the general knowledge. It was really productive way to study English. Whole class was managed with open communication way and she made us to interacting with each other for much freer environments.

Plus, between the each small group presentation, she was trying to give us clear and positive feedback to all of us. I think it’s one of her way to show her respect to all students in the class. She was also willing to give advice on our concerns, not in the way that we felt like we were being told what to do so but in a way that we could make a right decision ourselves. She empathized with student’s problems.

After all the class activities were finished, she became an explainer and involver to correct our grammatical error that we made throughout the discussion.

According to my experiences of second language learning, we all have something to share with each other to improve. Learning second language, it doesn’t mean that it’s not only an academically study but it also contains their culture and life style.

So it’s very important to let students realize that English class is owned by themselves not by the teachers.

If the ownership of the class on the student’s side, I strongly believe that they will share lots of things each other more than we expected.

They will evolve themselves and teachers will be the best supporter for them to be in a right place.