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A Weekend Reflection: Teaching as a Performance

Teaching is often similar to a performance, where the instructor takes the stage for a semester-long "show" in front of an interactive student audience. The goal is to create an engaging, exciting, and enjoyable learning experience for students, much like how viewers look forward to the next episode of a TV program. Effective instructors are skilled at actively involving students in the learning process through techniques like discussions, questioning, problem based and hands-on activities, case analysis, and other participatory elements. This active engagement increases students' interest, focus, and ability to critically think about and apply the course material. Great teachers have passion, adaptability, and a willingness to experiment with different interactive teaching styles to best capture their students' attention and enthusiasm for learning. Combining interactive methods with practical applications helps students truly comprehend the depth of the subject matter, rather than just passively listening and risking boredom or disengagement. Overall, teaching should be approached as an interactive performance aimed at exciting and empowering students to learn. With the use of technology and AI in particular, teaching and learning will become definitely more exciting.

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn" (Benjamin Franklin).

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