Teaching Teens – from Competition to Cooperation

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Teaching Teenagers

Expectations VS Reality

Are they the leaders of the future????
How can I motivate my students?
Competition!

- dynamic
- engaging
- boosting leadership skills
Auction
Which American president...

abolished slavery?  Abraham Lincoln
was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence?  Thomas Jefferson
led the army to the victory in the American Revolution?  George Washington
approved the use of atomic weapons against Japan?  Harry S. Truman
allowed women to vote?  Woodrow Wilson
helped the country overcome Great Depression?  Franklin D. Roosevelt
was the first African-American to hold the office?  Barack Obama
signed a historic agreement with the Soviet leader?  Ronald Reagan
Grammar Auction
mistakes correction

• She sitting on the sofa.
• He’s play chess.
• They is swimming in the pool.
• We are runing to the park.
• My mum is makeing a cake.
• He don’t listening to music.

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What’s your favourite competitive activity?

Talking chips
Cooperation

“Kagan Cooperative Learning”, 2009

No one working alone can compete. The ability to compete depends on the ability to cooperate – to communicate with others, coordinate efforts, resolve conflicts, and create a common vision.
Pros and Cons of Cooperative Tasks

Round Table
F.A.Qs

• How can I control and check what they know?
• How can my students get higher scores?
• Don’t group projects really mean extra work for some and a free ride for the others?
• Doesn’t preparation take too long?
• How do I get window watchers work in teams?
• How can I cover the curriculum if I allow time for teambuilding, classbuilding etc?
Peer teaching

• “As we teach we learn”
• Working cooperatively in teams is a wonderful experience for students and provides opportunities to develop social and *life* skills that will serve them well throughout *life* (Dr. Kagan)

Thank you for participation!

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