Teaching vs. Facilitating

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A task to think over

- Are there any differences between TEACHING and FACILITATING? Write the conclusions.
- Report your conclusions in the class discussion space.

What is facilitation?

- = bringing out and focusing the wisdom of the group, often as the group creates something new or solves a problem.

Hogan (2002)

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- A process whereby a teacher leads a group of students in acquiring new skills, knowledge, or understanding.
- Helping/making it easy for students to learn together in a group, or to achieve something together as a group.

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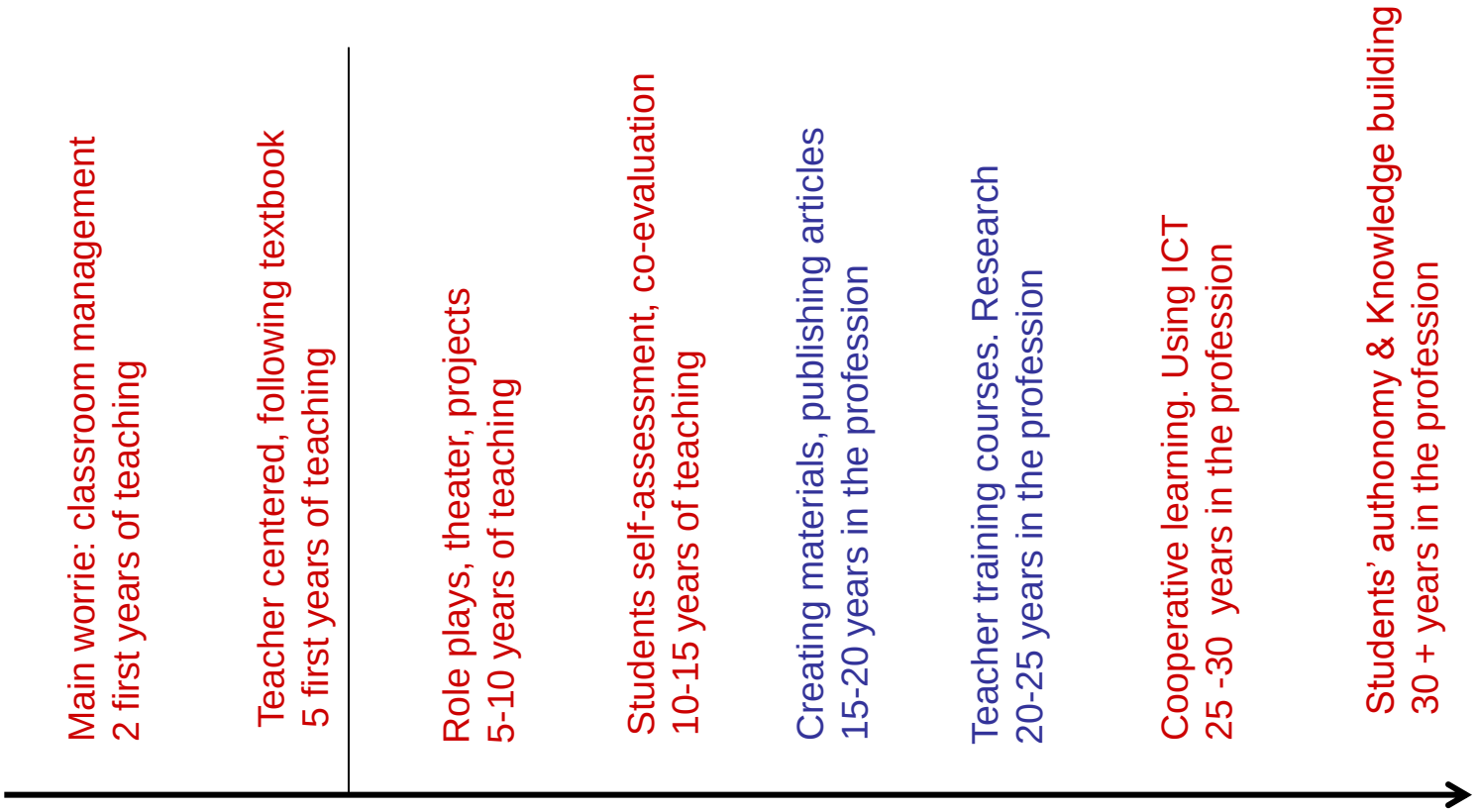
- Most subject area teaching involves telling and teaching the students. Measurable outcome at the end.
- Involves helping the students to discover by themselves.

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Content expert	Facilitator
Presents information	Guides process
Provides the right answers	Provides the right questions

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Moving from teaching to facilitating



From teaching to facilitating timeline

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Moving from teaching to facilitating Timeline

- Draw your own *Teaching to Facilitating Timeline.*

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Teacher's Effective Ways to Facilitate

- Give suggestions that can help teachers to facilitate.
- Report your suggestions in the class discussion group.

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Teacher's Effective Ways to Facilitate (feedback)

- Problem of getting wider understanding (read teachers, parents, etc.) that facilitating is learning, despite apparent noise + mess
- Motivation for teachers: eg. Need to make daily life enjoyable + rewarding experience for kids and teacher through project based approaches.
- Catching up with students knowledge
- Preventing tendency of thinking you are an expert (do not be afraid to say I do not know)
- If you want to learn something new, teach it.
- Find interesting material.
- Be a good listener.
- Do not be afraid to delegate and empower.
- Be aware of needs, understand need
- Determine right questions.
- Be creative – not stick to strict curriculum.
- Ongoing professional training specially improving self + seminars.
- Reflect and evaluate your performance.

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Teacher's Effective Ways to Facilitate (feedback)

- Be flexible.
- Be creative and up to date.
- Use different techniques.
- Show students you love them.
- Do not repeat the same things year after year (for example, after 20 years of teaching you teach in the same way as your 1st year of teaching).
- Do not allow your students to drink from a bottle, let them go to the river.
- Offer skills that lead to learning.
- Surprise your students.
- Do not focus on yourself.
- Respect each one of your students. Each one is different and special.
- Do not make fun of your students.
- Listen actively and comprehensively to your students.
- During the transitional period from a teacher to a facilitator, you need to be aware of your techniques so as not to go backward into being a teacher.

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