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The Art of Microsoft

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Abstract: Today, the Microsoft Art is useful by having various kinds of tools and basic software among the people from all walks of life. It can be known as a great place to build someone's artistic style. In education, it is introduced as a set of educational products and services which is inspired by teachers and students because the Art of Microsoft plays the main role in helping students to develop skills which is known as a helpful tool to create art as well as succeed beyond the guidance of teachers. The Art of Microsoft can be classified as a technology that can inspire creativity and making today's online learning process fun especially during this pandemic. For instance, the applications in the Microsoft Art such as Microsoft Paint allows students to spark their creativity in arts by doing hands on during online classes with 3D and Windows Mixed Reality and this phenomenon has brought to a whole new dimension of learning and teaching. By doing this, their interest in arts will develop because the Art of Microsoft ensures their consistent performance by enabling them to start learning quickly and stay focused without distraction. Arts can also be learned using the interesting ways during online class in order to create a bright and blissful future for students to achieve more challenging and victorious tomorrow.

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1. Introduction

Art symbolises someone's artistic style. However, the students are difficult to show their talent physically due to the pandemic. According to current issues, the cases of Covid-19 in our country are increasingly worrying. Due to this issue, our country is on another lockdown. Due to this, students undergo the teaching and learning process online thus giving a huge impact to the art subject. Therefore, students are getting less creative in art. This is because students are only taught theoretically with-

out hands on practices in virtual classes compared to physical classes. Art is supposed to help students boost their creativity and to see how creative the students are, teachers need to evaluate and comment on the art works done. However, online classes may cause those students with poor internet connection fail to submit their work. This will affect their learning process as teachers could not evaluate and provide comments on the work done for students to improve themselves.

2. Methods that can be used to teach Art lessons post-Covid 19.

2.1 Home Art Lesson

Home Art Lesson is a method for art teachers to adapt at-home instruction (Lee, 2020). In general, this method is an arts enrichment teacher finding creative ways in transition to remote teaching. It involves students' physical material and showcase students' creativity digitally. Home Art Lesson is found when an art teacher learned that her school would be closed because of the Coronavirus. She's anxious to keep the learning going, she quickly crafted a survey to find out what art supplies her students had at home. The result was shocking, it turned out that not many students have art supplies at home.

This is when she decided to come up with Home Art Lesson. This method requires her to mailboxes that contained art supplies such as colour pencils, glue, scissors, markers, crayons, et cetera to her students. Inside the box of art supplies, she would always include the foreshortening drawings so that the students can start getting their hand painting and get creative. After the students finished their work, students are required to showcase their artwork through an online platform which is YouTube. With this online platform, students can continue sharing and talk about their artwork, just as they would in school before the Coronavirus hit.

She believes that arts are essential, art classes often involve physical materials, group activities, and many more. However, due to the Coronavirus, the requirements are not easily met in digital environments. Most of the students from rural area

are not able to share their artwork online because they have a poor internet connection, this makes them hard to showcase their creativity. This is the imperfection part of the method. However, this method can still maintain the excitement and productivity of student in art subject.

Besides that, most of the students in the rural area cannot afford art supplies but with this method, the teacher can help those who are not able to afford them. This way, all students can continue to develop their creativity. This is what makes the method so helpful in art education. How effective could the method in helping art education? This can also mean that the teachers need to find a way or sacrifice their money to supply or provide art tools for the students.

2.2 Mobile Art

Mobile Art is a method involved with mobile technology. Nowadays, technology is evolving everywhere. Whether it is in schools aiding education, through paying for shopping using mobile or just passing time on a long journey, mobile development has become constant (Lumia, 2011). In the art world, mobile technology is a method that may not be heard often since most of the artwork at school is done by hand not digitally. Well, due to the Coronavirus students were forced to have online classes, this will surely give an impact on art subject. That is why this method is introduced in education especially for art subject.

Mobile Art believes that every student has a mobile phone. Well, according to a survey done by Panda Security Mediacenter (2019), it shows that the average age kids get cell phones is 10 years old. It has also been reported that 25% of kids under the age of six have phones and half of them spend up to 21 hours a week on them (Panda Security Mediacenter, 2019). This method requires students' mobile phone and the mobile phone will act as their drawing paper, to be more accurate, digital art. On their mobile phone, the student needs to download any digital art app like Medibang, Photoshop, Ibis Paint, Painter, Procreate, and et cetera. All these apps are free on Google Play Store, so the student can freely download them.

With this method, students can continue to learn art and showcase their creativities or potentials in art. This method gives benefits to the students especially those who are in rural area. This is because this method does not cost a lot of money. Students simply just need to have a mobile phone and download any digital art app. As we all know, art supplies are sometimes expensive, this is why some students do not have art supplies at home but the digital art apps can provide students with a lot of art tools. Tools like paintbrushes, colour pencils, pens, pencils, crayons, pastels, and et cetera are all part of the digital art program.

Students can save a lot of money using this method. Moreover, if there is an outdoor art project, students do not have to bring heavy art supplies with them. They simply can just bring their mobile phone as they always did. However, the contra part of this is students will need to have a high standard quality mobile phone because the apps usually require a huge amount of mobile phone storage and high-quality mobile phone might be expensive.

2.3 *Microsoft Paint*

Microsoft Paint is a software or digital art platforms that available on almost every computer or laptop in the world. Microsoft Paint is not like any other digital art apps. This method only offers basic art tool that is suitable for students, while digital art apps offer a lot of art tools that sometimes it can confuse the students what kind of art tools they are using. However, the limitations of Microsoft Paint are what makes it so special. Working with such limited tools and basic software makes the student push themselves creatively.

Microsoft Paint is a great place to start drawing. In any case, a great place to build students' artistic style. It is a wonderfully basic yet deeply complex program. This painting program has taught people to value simplicity. The tools in the program play a huge part in making any drawings look the way they do. It has become a key part of someone's artistic style such as the way the brush auto-blurs; the way the pixels stretch and skew; the crappy resolution. These factors shape what has now become the signature style of Microsoft Paint.

Microsoft Paint may not require students to have a fancy mobile or any art supplies. However, students need to have a computer or laptop to be able to have access to Microsoft Paint because the software does not available on the mobile phone. This means that the students must buy a laptop or computer for them to continue in art education. Moreover, the art tool that Microsoft Paint offers are less professional compares to digital art apps. Despite all these, the limitation of art tools in Microsoft Paint can increase students' creativity like how they are going to create amazing artwork with such limited art tools. This will boost the students' capabilities and creativities.

2.4 *The Art of Microsoft*

The Art of Microsoft, students' will be taught about the basic use of Microsoft tools. As we all know, Microsoft exists in every gadget. Microsoft is basically a tool or software that provides people with Paint, PowerPoint, Word, Excel and many more. Therefore, The Art of Microsoft is like an extra class or an extra activity to replace all the physical art activities such as painting, so that the students' knowledge or the creativity in crafting and creating art can develop further.

Students will have to own a computer or laptop or any gadget that can have access to Microsoft. Microsoft is already one of the basic software that exists in every gadget without needing to download and it does not require the internet to access it. So, students should be able to access Microsoft tools such as Paint, PowerPoint, and Word easily.

Art teachers are required to teach and guide students on how to create digital art or graphic management using Microsoft Paint, PowerPoint, and Word. Each Microsoft tool has its own feature tool, so teachers must teach students according to the Microsoft tool that they are using. As a result, students will be able to know the basics of Microsoft.

Every time the class ends, students are required to create art using every Microsoft tool that they have learned and the task will be given by teachers as an exchange of activities like painting and crafting that was supposed to be a physical activity. The task

that is given by teachers should be linked according to:

- a) Microsoft Paint. Students are required to paint art using Microsoft Paint as an exchange of activities drawing and painting on paper.
- b) Microsoft PowerPoint. Students are required to create an animation or create a presentation slide using Microsoft PowerPoint as an exchange of activities creating and crafting
- c) Microsoft Word. Students are required to build graphic management using Microsoft Word to enhance students' skill in graphic design.

Art teachers or any other subject teachers can also be in part of this. For example, the English subject sometimes requires students to present their work which most of them will display the hand-drawn mind maps in class for their friends to see. Due to Covid-19, presenting at class is now restricted but with the knowledge of The Art of Microsoft, students can create a presentation slide with Microsoft PowerPoint and present it on their next online class.

The whole concept of The Art of Microsoft is basically a technology that can inspire creativity and fun in today's classroom especially during pandemic instead of learning only art theories. This method is like Microsoft Paint but with a little bit of upgrade. However, the students that are in the rural area may not be able to have access to Microsoft because some of them cannot afford a computer or laptop. This has become another problem that occurs in this method.

2.5 *Choosing Methods (Home Art Lesson + The Art of Microsoft)*

As we all know, the Home Art Lesson is a method for art teachers to adapt at-home instruction (Lee, 2020). Generally, this method is an arts enrichment teacher finding creative ways in transition to remote teaching. On the other hand, The Art of Microsoft is more like a new education implementation for the students. Students will be taught about the basic use of Microsoft tools. Microsoft software is part of every gadget. Microsoft is basically a tool or

software that provides people with Paint, PowerPoint, Word, Excel and many more.

By combining both methods, it can solve a lot of problems that are currently faced. First, the problem of students living in the rural area that cannot afford to buy gadgets like computer, laptop, or mobile phone. With the method of Home Art Lesson, teachers can help to provide students with the art supplies they needed. This way, students can at least continue to have a physical art activity at home, even when they cannot have access to digital art.

Second, is the problem on students having difficulties to further enhance their skills. The Art of Microsoft emphasizes three software, which is Microsoft Paint, Microsoft PowerPoint and Microsoft Word. All this three software will teach or provides students with knowledge of digital art, animation, and graphic designs. Therefore, they just need to have the gadgets that can access the Microsoft software while learning digital art.

Third, the problem where the pandemics cause a lot of schools to close, and students are not able to showcase their artwork. Showcasing students' artwork is the most important part in maintaining students' skills in art. It is like a way to show appreciation and motivation to students so that they continually develop their creativity. But when pandemics hit, showcasing students' artwork will be hard. Therefore, the Home Art Lesson is required as a suitable method to tackle this problem where the students get to showcase their artwork through the online platform, YouTube. Home Art Lesson also provides a YouTube Channel where teachers and students can share and talk about the artworks together.

The world would not stop evolving and technology is increasingly sophisticated. Especially during these Coronavirus pandemics, students have no choice but to learn online and some of the students do not know how to have online classes. If the pandemic never ends, education will slowly be transitioning to a remote teaching style. Their knowledge in art education, which is just focusing

on art theories would eventually fall behind compared to other countries if the students do not improve themselves as well.

3. Conclusion

Although the pandemic has disturbed and caused a lot of chaos among worldwide citizens, there are still various ways to teach Art lessons with the help of the Internet, the Art of Microsoft, home teaching and so on. With these solutions, teachers will have no trouble teaching art, it might even be more effective for the students. This is because, these methods are more flexible, fun and interesting! They suit the needs of the children. Overall, home Art lesson and The Art of Microsoft are the most effective ways in order to teach art post-Covid. Always remember, when there's a will, there's a way.

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