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USING EFFECTIVE TEACHING METHODS IN THE CLASSROOM

To start with, every teacher has her or his own style of teaching. And as traditional teaching styles evolve with the advent of differentiated instruction, more and more teachers are adjusting their approach depending on their students' learning needs. But there are a few fundamental teaching styles most educators tend to use. These teaching styles highlight the five main strategies teachers use in the classroom, as well as the benefits and potential pitfalls of each.

The authority model is teacher-centered and frequently entails lengthy lecture sessions or one-way presentations. Students are expected to take notes or absorb information. **Pros**: This style is acceptable for certain higher-education disciplines and auditorium settings with large groups of students. The pure lecture style is most suitable for subjects like history, which necessitate memorization of key facts, dates, names, etc. **Cons**: It's a questionable model for teaching children because there is little or no interaction with the teacher.

The Demonstrator, or coach style retains the formal authority role by showing students what they need to know. **Pros**: This style gives teachers opportunities to incorporate a variety of formats including lectures and multimedia presentations. **Cons**: Although it's well-suited for teaching some subjects, it is difficult to accommodate students' individual needs in larger classrooms.

The Facilitator, or activity style promotes self-learning and help students develop critical thinking skills and retain knowledge that leads to self-actualization. **Pros**: This style trains students to ask questions and helps develop skills to find answers and solutions through exploration. **Cons**: Challenges teacher to interact with students and prompt them toward discovery rather than lecturing facts and testing knowledge through memorization.

In short, modern methods of teaching require different types of teachers. Knowing how to engage students begins with selecting the teaching style that's right for you.