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Opening Digital World's Doors to # Next Digital Generations

LESSON PLAN 3 – BUILDING 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

TARGET

Students will improve collaboration and communication skills by engaging in group discussions and debates on contemporary issues.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Debate topics list
 - Discussion guidelines
 - Peer evaluation forms
 - Computers for research
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OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Develop effective communication skills for teamwork and discussions.
 - ✓ Learn how to articulate opinions clearly and respectfully.
 - ✓ Strengthen research skills by preparing arguments.
 - ✓ Engage in structured debates on relevant topics.
 - ✓ Build confidence in public speaking and persuasive communication.
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FLOW OF LESSON

1. Introduction to Effective Communication (15 minutes)

- Discuss **why communication and collaboration** are crucial in the 21st century.
- Ask students:
 - What makes a discussion productive?
 - Why is listening as important as speaking?

2. Preparing for a Debate (20 minutes)

- Assign a **debate topic** (e.g., "Should social media platforms regulate content?").
- Groups research their assigned position and develop arguments.

3. Conducting the Debate (30 minutes)

- Each group presents arguments, counterarguments, and rebuttals.
- Encourage respectful discussion and active listening.
- Peer evaluations on **clarity, persuasion, and teamwork**.

4. Reflection and Homework (10 minutes)

- Discuss how communication and teamwork affected the debate.
- **Homework:** Write a reflection on what makes a persuasive argument.

TEACHER'S COMMENTS

These lessons help students develop essential 21st-century skills, including **critical thinking, digital literacy, collaboration, and communication**. Encourage them to apply these skills beyond the classroom!