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I just wanted to share some important techniques of teaching: **Series 5**

### **Cooperative Theory of Learning**

Cooperative learning requires students to **work together in groups** to accomplish a specific task. In the process, they develop **leadership skills, critical thinking skills, problem solving skills** and the ability to work with others in harmony. In a cooperative setting, small groups of students work on a specified mission to overcome their collective weaknesses, build on their strengths and share their experiences with one another. In a cooperative environment, there is a concept called **knowledge-sharing among students and teachers**. A cooperative environment is a **non-threatening learning environment** where students mix freely with one another without any discrimination or prejudice, and exchange useful thoughts. This friendly approach is based on mutual support, respect for one another and collective benefit.

In a cooperative atmosphere, the teacher takes on **new roles**. She does not act as the **sole deliverer of knowledge**, but as a **friend and a helper** in times of need. **Like a midwife** who helps the mother during birth, the teacher assists to give birth to healthy ideas and constructive thoughts. Research has indicated that cooperative learning reduces **misbehavior in the classroom**, leaving more time for academic instruction and individual growth. In such an environment, learners discover themselves in a highly motivated and friendly community.

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