



Ways of knowing and the IB Curriculum: The journey of an Italian teacher

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Full Definition of WAY (http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/way)
a: a thoroughfare for travel or transportation from place to place
b: an opening for passage <this door is the only way out of the room>
2: the course traveled from one place to another: route <asked the way to the museum>
a: a course (as a series of actions or sequence of events) leading in a direction or toward an objective <led the way
to eventual open heart operations — Current Biography>
b (1): a course of action <took the easy way out> (2): opportunity, capability, or fact of doing as one pleases
<always manages to get her own way>
c: a possible decision, action, or outcome: possibility <they were rude—no two ways about it>
a: manner or method of doing or happening <admired her way of thinking>; also: method of accomplishing:
means <that's the way to do it>
b: feature, respect <in no way resembles her mother>
c: a usually specified degree of participation in an activity or enterprise <active in real estate in a small way>
a: characteristic, regular, or habitual manner or mode of being, behaving, or happening < knows nothing of the ways
of women>
b: ability to get along well or perform well <she has a way with kids> <a way with words>
:the length of a course: distance <has come a long way in her studies> <still have a way to go>
: movement or progress along a course <worked her way up the corporate ladder>
a: direction <is coming this way>
   participant —usually used in combination <three-way discussion>
: state of affairs : condition, state <that's the way things are>
a plural but sometimes sing in constr: an inclined structure upon which a ship is built or supported in launching
b plural: the guiding surfaces on the bed of a machine along which a table or carriage moves
:category, kind —usually used in the phrase in the way of <doesn't require much in the way of expensive equipment
 - Forbes>
 motion or speed of a ship or boat through the water
  al the way: to the full or entire extent: as far as possible <ran all the way home> <seated a
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The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, And sorry I could not travel both And be one traveler, long I stood And looked down one as far as I could To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair, And having perhaps the better claim, Because it was grassy and wanted wear; Though as for that the passing there Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.



UNDERSTANDING





➤ Subject-base Knowledge

Experiential Knowledge

Personal Knowledge

Shared Knowledge

WAYS OF KNOWING-----IB CURRICULUM

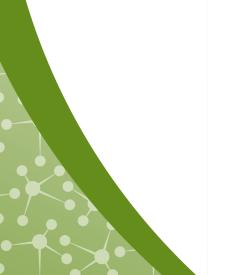
HOW CAN I TEACH MYSTUDENTS REMAINING MYSELF A LEARNER ALL THE WAY TROUGH?

HOW CAN I HELP THEM GET THOSE SKILLS CRUCIAL TO......



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- **≻Inquirers**
- **≻Knowledgeable**
- **≻Thinkers**
- **≻**Communicators
- **≻Principled**
- **≻Open-minded**
- **≻**Caring
- > Risk-takers
- **≻**Balanced
- **≻**Reflective





GET AN IB DIPLOMA-

GO TO UNIVERSITY WITH A SOLID GROUNDING-

MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR TIME ON EARTH THROUGH BEING LIFELONG LEARNERS-



THINKERS consequently RISK TAKERS by using our curiosity to be KNOWLEDGEABLE hence become PRINCIPLED, CARING, OPEN-MINDED. We need a strong BALANCE to be able to COMMUNICATE (share) after deep REFLECTION.

All attributes that simply depict what a human being-a real human being- is!!!!



Education etymologically comes from the Latin verb ēdūcō, i.e. lead forth, take out.....)

http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?term=educate



The goal-arrival-destination is the same: To take out from each student their best attributes that will make them well-rounded people able to cope with school, higher education, life!

GIVE THEM THOSE SHOES -SKILLS- THEY CAN USE UNDER ANY WEATHER CONDITIONS!



Slip-on shoes for work....written devices (book notes...)

Welly boots for rainy days....electronic devices (laptops, tablets, smart phones....)

Sneakers....(the proper combination of all)



Shoes to walk 'Quest For Knowledge Road' a Road with a well-stocked shop.....





http://ibo.org/



The use of different shoes-tools, especially interactive ones encounter loads of difficulties and hurdles in Italy



WHY?

POOR use of interactive tools

Mostly frontal lessons

POOR teacher-student exchange
poor PD

No continuum PRIMARY- MIDDLEHIGH...LET ALONE UNIVERSITY!

Still Based on LAWS DATING BACK TO THE 1920s.



- According to 2010 survey conducted by ISTAT (The National Institute for Statistics), the average number of Italian students who prematurely quit school is,12,3% against the 18,2% (European average).
- ➤ Public Education weighs on the Italian GNP to the 4.8 (European average is 5.6).



CONSEQUENCES:

1.STUDENTS- THEY QUIT
SCHOOL2.THE ITALIAN ECONOMY-NO
SCHOOLING, NO GROWTH.



ONLY ONE ROUTE TO TRAVEL IN THIS COUNTRY, KNOWLEDGE -THE ARRIVAL- IS JUST A HIP OF **UNUNCONNECTED BITS- AND -**PIECES THAT STUDENTS CAN'T APPLY IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES AS KNOWERS, BECAUSE SHOES AT THEIR DISPOSAL (SKILLS) ARE OLD-FASHIONED AND UNFIT.



DOES NOT HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM OR SELF AWARENESS EITHER AS LEARNERS



...and what is Knowledge without understanding and self-awareness?