

## THE POWER OF STUDENT TEAMS

**TABLE 5.1.** The differences between an Old Economy Classroom Environment and a New Economy Classroom Environment (Adapted from Toth, 2016, p. 46)

Old Economy Classroom Environment	New Economy Classroom Environment
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Teacher is doing most of the work.	Students are doing most of the work.
Teacher is doing most of the talking and directing.	Students are doing most of the talking and are directing their own work.
Teacher feels like he or she is pushing the students to learn.	Students take ownership of their academic progress and pull toward their learning goals.
Students have a hard time visualizing how the learning will help them in the real world.	Students are seeing the connections to the real world through their work.
Teacher feels the pressure to engage and hold students' attention.	Students are highly engaged in complex tasks and real-world problems.
Teacher feels fatigue and the pressure to cover content.	Students are feeling mentally stretched but excited about the task and what they are discovering.

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