

The Engaging Teacher

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Review to Reactivate Prior Knowledge

- ✓ *key terms*
- ✓ *main ideas*
- ✓ *important dates (if applicable)*
- ✓ *chronology (if applicable)*
- ✓ *important names/characters (if applicable)*

Use Thinking Out Loud to Clarify Learning

- ✓ *Brainstorming*
- ✓ *Verbalizing explanations*

Use a Variety of Activities

- ✓ *Zingo*
- ✓ *Jeopardy*
- ✓ *Word Search Puzzles*
- ✓ *Crossword Puzzles*
- ✓ *Story Boards*

Students Show and Tell to Share and Expand Learning

- ✓ *Visual Representations*
- ✓ *Presentations/Group Projects*
- ✓ *Artifacts*

Class Participates in Culminating Activities to Pull the Learning Together

- ✓ *Drama*
- ✓ *Creative Activities*
- ✓ *Videotaping*
- ✓ *Field Trips*

Evaluation/Assessment

- ✓ *Rubrics for activities/assignments*
- ✓ *Portfolios (alternative assessment/checklist)*
- ✓ *Projects*
- ✓ *List of all assignments*