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