

# ENGAGING LEARNERS

- Arouse and create interest in learners:
  - begin with personal interests
  - stimulate new interests
- Build curriculum from and for learner's lives:
  - look at and reflect upon their own experiences
  - draw upon what they already know and make connections
- Pose personally engaging questions and questioning activities:
  - invite them to reflect beyond recall and logic
  - elicit feelings, insights and understandings, memories and imaginings
  - encourage judgments and decisions
- Challenge learners:
  - beyond present achievements
  - to excel according to their capacities
- Imagine ways to arouse curiosity:
  - look for the mystery in things
  - allow time for investigation
- Have enthusiasm for what you are teaching
- Vary teaching methods:
  - self-expression
  - listening to each other
  - reflection on experience
  - story telling
  - creative projects
  - research assignments
  - artwork
  - forms of ritual
  - service to human need
- Assign varied "requirements" favoring, when possible, ones that demand their own creativity:
  - students' judgments and opinions
  - learners' outlooks and sentiments
- Help them to make meaning:
  - find purpose in what is being learned
  - connect what they are learning with themselves and their world