

## Six Practices that Promote Reading Engagement

**Theme: Fast Food Nation:**

**Activities**

Establish Knowledge Goals (Big Questions; Motivating Themes—e.g. How does global warming affect our lives?)	
Real World Interactions (engagement and motivation)	
Many interesting texts (magazines, newspaper reports, internet articles); authentic reading and writing activities	
Support for Student Choice (topic, text, partner, activity)	
Direct strategy instruction (activate background knowledge; think alouds)	
Collaborative Support	

Guthrie and Davis, (2003) *Motivating Struggling Readers in Middle School through an Engagement Model of Classroom Practice. Reading and Writing Quarterly* 9: 59-85