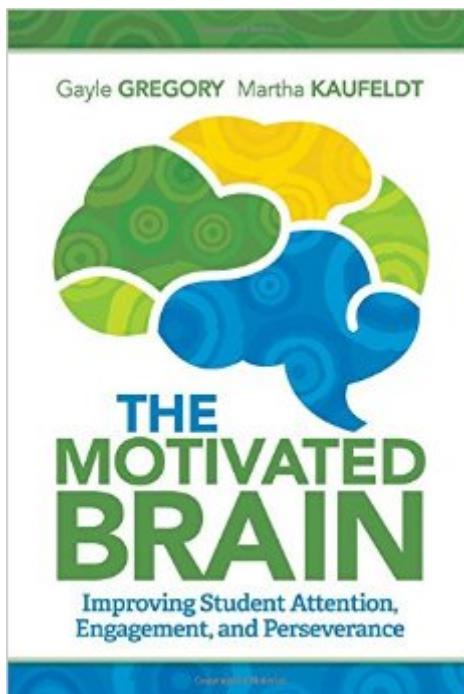


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# The Motivated Brain: Improving Student Attention, Engagement, And Perseverance



## **Synopsis**

What really motivates students to learn? What gets them interestedâ "and keeps them interestedâ "in pursuing knowledge and understanding? Recent neuroscientific findings have uncovered the source of our motivation to learn, or as neuroscientist Jaak Panksepp terms it, the drive to seek. Seeking is what gets us out of bed in the morning, the engine that powers our actions, and the need that manifests as curiosity. Informed by new findings on the nature of the brain's seeking system, internationally renowned educators Gayle Gregory and Martha Kaufeldt have identified key brain-friendly strategies for improving student motivation, knowledge acquisition, retention, and academic success. In this book, readers will learn\* The science behind the motivated brain and how it relates to student learning.\* Strategies for preparing a motivational environment and lesson.\* Strategies for creating engaging learning experiences that capitalize on the brain's natural ways of learning.\* Strategies for improving depth of knowledge, complex thinking, and synthesis to get students into the ever-desired state of flow.\* How attention to the neuroscience of motivation will improve the classroom environment and student learning. The Motivated Brain shows teachers how to harness the power of their students' intrinsic motivation to make learning fun, engaging, and meaningful.

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This excellent book can help teachers to understand their potential role as motivators of students in learning situations, and it helped me to better understand why students of all ages and abilities love to tackle difficult text in the three-step content-literacy-based classroom. Piquing the SEEKING drive

in the pre-reading Motivation stage of the class leads to purposeful engaged reading in the Acquisition phase, and the subsequent higher-order thinking in the eXtension phase. Repeatedly experiencing the brain chemistry described in this book leads to the development of habits of mind that can lead to a lifetime of successful and enjoying learning experiences.

At a time when teachers are searching for solutions to engage students, increase attentiveness and perseverance, author Martha Kaufeldt and co-author Gayle Gregory have written an opportune book on recent scientific findings underlying motivation. This book is filled with practical research-based strategies that drive student interest and an eagerness to learn. It will inspire you to make learning fun, engaging, and meaningful.

This is a great book to help guide you through your students minds. We (teachers) often remove ourselves from where the students are and how they think. This book goes through the brain processes and how you can apply concepts through those processes. I feel that it leans towards elementary ages, but is still very applicable to middle/secondary. It also leans towards constructivism (Vygotsky & Piaget) and application. A good read when you're struggling with attentiveness.

Great overview of the elements necessary to motivate the whole child. Lots of helpful tips, too!

Excellent book to read for teachers.

Really good resource.

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