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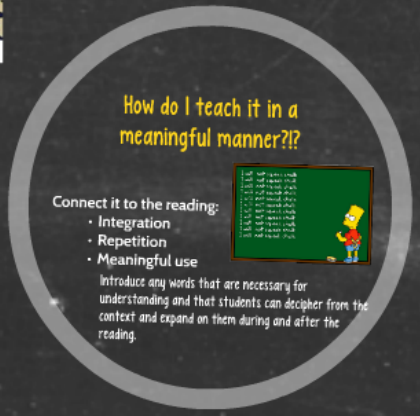

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How do I teach it in a meaningful manner?!?

Connect it to the reading:

- Integration
- Repetition
- Meaningful use

Introduce any words that are necessary for understanding and that students can decipher from the context and expand on them during and after the reading.

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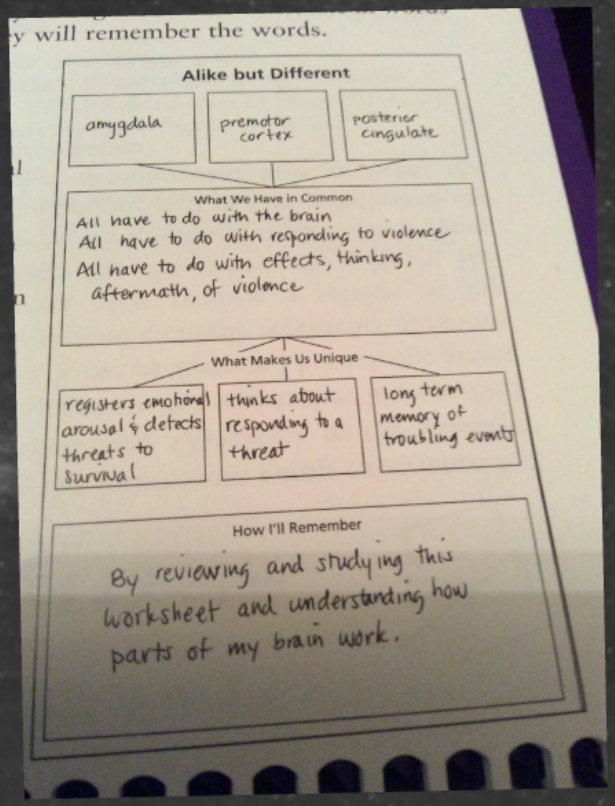

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