

## FIVE KEY CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE TEACHING MOVES

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Here are some quick tips from *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain* by Zaretta Hammond

1. **Build authentic relationships.** They are the on-ramp to engagement and learning.
  
2. **Use the brain's memory systems for deeper learning.** Connecting new content through music, movement, and visuals strengthens the neural pathways for comprehension.
  
3. **Acknowledge diverse students' stress response** from everyday micro-aggressions and help calm the brain.
  
4. **Use ritual, recitation, repetition, and rhythm** as content processing power tools.
  
5. **Create a community of learners** by building on students' values of collaboration and connection. It creates intellectual safety, reducing stereotype threat.