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Riggs, Ernestine, and Cheryl R. Gholar. *Strategies that Promote Student Engagement: Unleashing the Desire to Learn*. 2nd ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin, 2009. Print.

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The Librarian's Internet Survival Guide. 2nd ed. Medford, NJ: Information Today, 2006. Print.

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"The Mind at Night: The New Science of How and Why We Dream." *Psychology Today* Mar.-Apr. 2004: 82+. Print.

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Web

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"Bullying Facts and Statistics." *National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. 27 Dec. 2007. Web. 19 July 2009.

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