**Elements of Effective**

**Adolescent Literacy Programs**

**Word Study:**

* Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions for students who have not mastered decoding strategies
* Explicit instruction for irregular words and root words/prefixes/suffixes

**Vocabulary:**

* Implicit instruction through readings and class discussions
* Explicit instruction through mini-lessons, graphic organizers, and sketches

**Fluency:**

* Teacher read-aloud
* Pair/Small-group reading and Readers Theater

**Comprehension:**

* Explicit instruction of comprehension strategies
* Peer discussions
* Varied reading opportunities

**Motivation:**

* Student choice
* Text accessibility
* Positive learning environment and teacher/student relationships

**Engagement:**

* Peer interactions
* Authentic reading opportunities

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