

Close Reading - Annotation Guide

Annotate: to add notes to a text, giving explanation or comment

When reading, use a pen or pencil to annotate your text.

No highlighters!

Use the following symbols to annotate:

(!) - note what is surprising and/or interesting

(?) - note what raises questions

(O) - circle unknown vocabulary

Underline significant information

- Only underline important words, phrases, etc.

EV - supporting evidence

Use your margins to note:

- Thoughts that you have about important information in the text.
- Patterns in the text - Are there words, phrases, or thoughts that repeat?
- Ask questions, especially *how* and *why*.
- Similarities and differences in claims, views or ideas.

