

Annotating Fiction

To annotate means to add additional information to a text. Annotations can include a comment, an explanation, a connection, or amplifying information. Some people annotate books as they read them by making notes directly in the margins.



DIRECTIONS: As you read the story, annotate the margins of the text as follows:

**In the
Righthand
Margin**

- Write down any connections you make to yourself, to the world. or to other texts

Highlight

- Passages that reveal or develop the theme.

Underline

- Aspects of the text that are specific to the genre of the story. Note in the lefthand margin why you underlined.

- At the bottom of the handout, write a one-paragraph summary of the story. Be sure to discuss its genre and its theme.