

Annotation

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 handout, annotate the margins of the text as follows:

In the Margin

- Write down any questions you have while reading
- Write down any connections you make to yourself, to the world, or to other texts

Highlight

- Main ideas and key points

Underline

- Unfamiliar words

- When you are finished reading, go back through the text and look up the unfamiliar words you underlined. In the margin near the word, write down a synonym for each word.
- At the bottom of the handout, write a 2 – 3 sentence summary of the text.