



Annotation

What is it?

Annotation is a note of any form made while reading text.

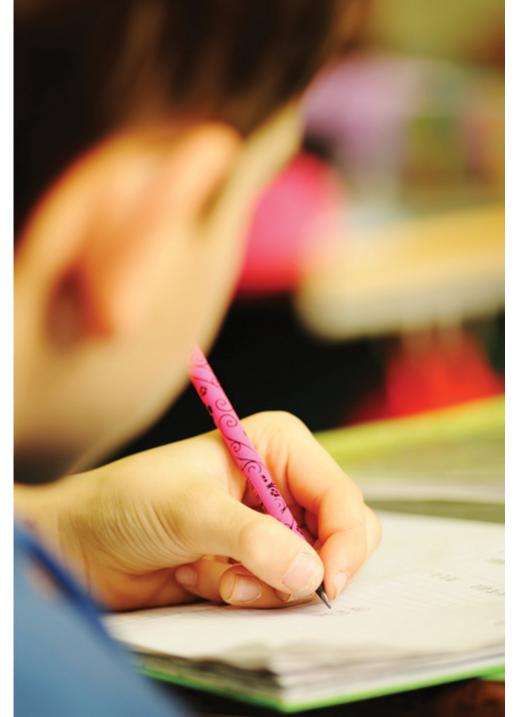
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"Reading with a pencil."



Annotation Slows down the reader in order to deepen understanding.



Why Mark On The Text?

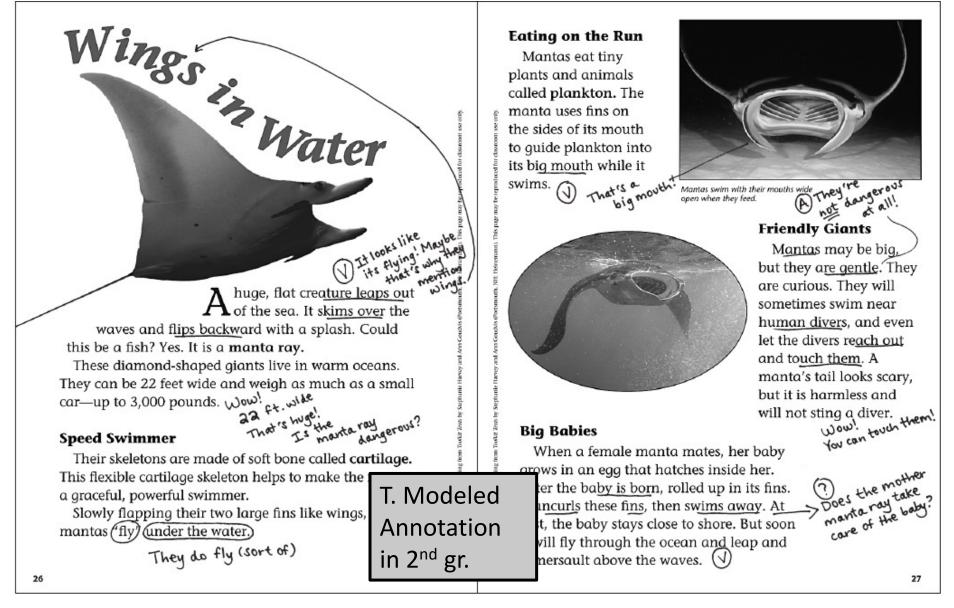
When students put things in their own words, they are more likely to remember the information.

It is meant to be an interactive note-taker.

What does that look like 3^{rd} - 12^{th} grade

Annotations in Grades 3-5

- **Underline** key words / phrases.
- Circle anknown words that make the reading confusing
- Write a question mark (?) for questions that you have during reading. AND write your question near the text.

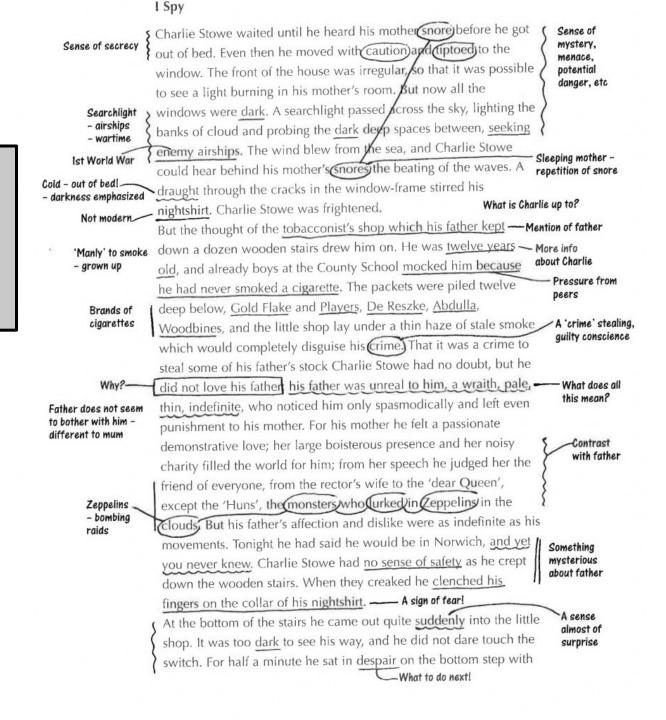


Harvey, S., & Goudvis, A. (2007). Strategies That Work: Teaching Comprehension for Understanding and Engagement. Portland, ME: Stenhouse.

Annotation in Grades 6-8

- <u>Underline</u> key <u>words</u> and <u>phrases</u>
- Circle unknown words that make the reading confusing
- Use a question mark (?) for questions that you have while reading AND write your question near the text.
- Use an exclamation mark (!) for things that surprise you, and briefly note what caught your attention.
- Draw an arrow when making a connection to an idea or personal experience AND note your connections.

T. modeled Annotation in 7th gr.



I. Before Breakfast

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Middle school student's annotation of connotative meanings in Charlotte's Web

HERE'S Papa going with that ax?" said Fern to her mother as they were setting the table for breakfast. "Out to the hoghouse," replied "Some pigs were born last night."

"I don't see why he needs an ax," continued Fern, who was only eight

"Well," said her mother, "one of the pigs is a runt. It's very small and weak, and it will never amount to anything. So your father has decided to do away with it."

"Do away with it?" shrieked Fern "You mean kill it? Just because it's smaller than the others?"

Mrs. Arable put a pitcher of cream on the table. "Don't yell, Fern!" she said. "Your father is right. The pig would probably die anyway."

Fern pushed a chair out of the way and ran outdoors.

The grass was wetland the earth smelled of springtime.

Fern's sneakers were sopping by the time she caught up with her father.

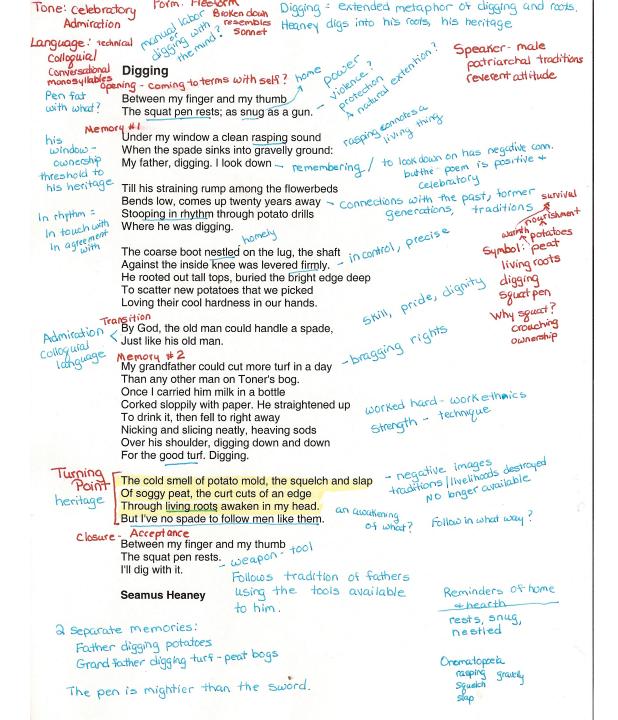
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Annotation in Grades 9-12

- *Underline* the major points.
- Circle keywords or phrases that are confusing or unknown to you.
- Use a question mark (?) for questions that you have during the reading. Be sure to write your question.
- Use an exclamation mark (!) for things that surprise you, and briefly note what it was that caught your attention.
- Draw an arrow when making a connection to something with an idea or experience. Note your connections.
- Mark EX when the author provides an example.
- Number arguments, important ideas, or key details and write words or phrases that restate them.

Student annotation in 11th grade **English**



Annotation Examples

Annotation in PreK



- Language experience approach (student uses stickers)
- Interactive writing and shared pen activities

How can you use this at home?



Read often.

• Fiction: Circle characters, box settings, underline important story events.,



When students are reading have them mark the text.



Stick to the basics & use colors

 Nonfiction: circle hard to pronounce & unfamiliar words, box main ideas, & underline supporting details.

The Take Aways......

- The Why?
- Keeps readers awake & engaged
- Helps the student process what they're reading
- Slows down the pace & increases comprehension
- Bookmarks the text for when you look back



If you want to be an effective reader, begin with annotation.

