

Annotation Guidelines: Identity

Annotation is the taking of notes and marking of passages in a text as you read. This skill helps you to read more carefully for full comprehension and analyze what you read without having to reread a text over and over. In this class, notations in the margins will spark classroom discussions while highlighting text allows for corroborating quotations.

Note Taking: ACTIVE Reading

1. Ask Questions: If a question develops as you read, write it down in the margin and ask it in class or read on to find the answer yourself.
2. Connections: Whenever you recognize something from your life in the text as you are reading, reference that in the margins.
3. Track Key Ideas: After each chapter, write down 5-8 of the most important events in that occurred in the chapter.
4. Infer Characterization: Jot brief notes or abbreviations in the margins when you discover something about the main characters.
5. Visualize Symbolism: Whenever you see the author making a choice about an object to make it a character, write down what you think it means.
6. Evaluate Character Choices: How do the actions of the characters speak about who they are as a person?

Marking Passages: Support your ideas and find new words

1. Highlight any passage that directly demonstrates a character's identity or a specific personality trait.
2. Highlight any passage that corroborates any character elements discussed in class.
3. Highlight any vocabulary words that might go on your Master Word List. Share them with a friend.