

Mini-Lesson ► **Annotation**

What does it mean to annotate?

To make critical or explanatory notes or comments

What is an annotation?

A note added by way of comment or explanation

Things to Consider for Annotating

- Main idea.
 - Repeated key words or phrases.
 - Connecting ideas and transitional phrases.
 - See if you can identify any phrases that sound like TSIS templates.
 - Topic sentences.
 - Primary supporting details.
 - Rhetorical devices.
 - Structure.
 - Rhetorical triangle (logos, pathos, ethos).
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Strategies for Annotating

- Number the paragraphs.
- Use different colors.
- Highlight.
- Underline.
- Draw boxes.
- Circle.
- Use arrows to connect ideas.
- Draw lines to separate sections.
- Add descriptions of passages or headings/subheadings.
- Bracket.
- Write in margin.
 - Questions.
 - Relationship to other texts.
 - Placement in essay.
 - Numbering.

Your Turn ► **Annotation Guide**

As you read through and take notes on articles...

Identify the main idea of the essay.

Mark sentences where the main idea is repeated.

Identify repeated words/phrases/ideas in the passage?

What are they?

Why are they important?

Identify ideas that connect paragraphs or are repeated throughout passage.

Identify transitional words/phrases.

What relationship is conveyed through these transitions? For example, opposition (on the other hand); deepening of rationale (furthermore); cause and effect; etc.

Identify main topic sentences for each paragraph.

Identify primary supporting detail/example for each topic.

Note the rhetorical devices at work in the structure of the essay.

How does the essay begin, end, and move from beginning to end?

For example, does the essay begin or end with an example, a question, an assertion, etc.?

Does the essay follow a timeline?

Note rhetorical triangle at work in the essay, if applicable.

Identify passage that appeal to logos.

Identify passage that appeal to ethos.

Identify passage that appeal to pathos.

Note any questions, examples, objections, or experiences you may have that relate to specific parts of this reading or the reading as a whole.