

Teaching Strategy of the Week: Annotating & Paraphrasing

Readers **Annotate** their texts

Underline unfamiliar words.

Draw arrows  to show related ideas.

Number **1.** steps
2. lists
3. details

? Jot questions and confusions in the margin.

* Label important ideas.

! Note ideas that you disagree with in the margin.

LOL Mark humorous ideas.

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Why use it? - Rationale: The Annotating and Paraphrasing Sources strategy requires students to underline key words, write margin notes, and summarize main ideas as they read a primary or secondary source. Use this strategy if you have introduced a writing prompt that students will revisit throughout a unit of study. Because careful reading is integral to powerful writing and thinking, annotating text often helps students craft stronger written arguments. By practicing this strategy, students will learn to take notes from primary and secondary sources that address the validity and bias of evidence, the perspective of the source, and their own interpretation. Students will need regular practice, reinforcement, and feedback on their annotations in order for this type of careful reading to become routine.

- [Procedures for Annotating and Paraphrasing](#)
- [Handout of 6 Ways to Annotate/Mark the Text](#)
(Visualize, Summarize, Clarify, Connect, Respond, Question)

[\[Facing History and Ourselves\]](#)

Reading of the Week:

[“Using Animated Films to Teach Geography”](#)

“In teaching geography, teachers often focus on having students memorize countries, states, capitals, and landforms, often through the labeling and coloring of maps.¹ Even with the emphasis on memorizing geographic facts, it seems a majority of students are still not able to adequately recall such facts.² Yet geography, and in fact all of social studies, should be an engaging time as students explore various issues and problems that require them to interact with greater quantities of factual information in order to reach reasoned conclusions.” Read the rest [HERE](#).



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Digital Tool of the Week: Canva

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