

# Annotation

A Powerful Reading  
Strategy



# ***an · no · ta · tion* /anə'tāʃHən/**

Noun:

1. A note by way of explanation or comment added to a text or diagram.
2. The action of annotating a text or diagram

Synonyms:

note - comment - gloss - remark - notation - commentary

# What is Annotation?

- Annotation is a system of marking a textbook that involves the reader (meaning you, the student).
- In other words, annotation is a way of writing in your book, making notes to yourself.

# Importance of Annotation:

- Improves your concentration so that you don't become distracted and have to reread
- Provides a way to check for your understanding of the text's main ideas.
- Helps you remember more.
- Assists you in getting ready for tests.



# What to Annotate

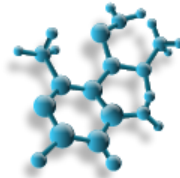
- Main ideas
- Supporting ideas
- Definitions
- Examples
- Key information such as names, dates, events
- What you don't understand (e.g., concepts)
- What you don't know (e.g., vocab words)

# Ways to Annotate

- You can annotate in multiple ways:
  - Writing brief summaries in the margin or on a sticky note
  - Numbering ideas within or among paragraphs
  - Sketching pictures or charts in the margins
  - Drafting possible text questions in the margins as you read
  - Note concepts that need clarification by the professor
  - Underline key ideas or concepts
  - Circle words to look up

# Annotation tips

- Pay close attention to diagrams and other graphic organizers
- Use **colors**, diagrams, arrows & symbols  when annotating
- Underline, {bracket}, , asterisk\*, and use numerals and other symbols to mark the text
- Create simple concept maps of the Information



The United States has a special system of federal government. The states and the national government share power. **The U.S. Constitution tells how power is shared. It provides the framework for organizing the government.**

## **Federal Government**

U.S. Constitution tells how states and National government share power.

Subject of paragraph

What is important about the subject?

**Sticky Note**

**EXAMPLE**





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