

Annotation Guide

Directions:

As you read a text or watch a video, use the following symbols, or create your own, to note your thoughts and ideas on the content.

Make sure to take clear notes—you will reference them later while participating in a Constitutional Conversation with your classmates, and your instructor may also choose to collect your notes and score you on them.

SYMBOL	MEANING
!!!	Very important information or ideas.
↔	Connection – This connects to something else I know. (text to text, text to world, text to self)
???	Question. I don't understand.
	Shocking – I was shocked or surprised when I read this.
	I agree with this idea. I like this idea.
	I disagree. I don't like this idea.
	I understand this idea.
	Vocabulary word. Unfamiliar word I need to look-up.
WORDS TO WRITE IN THE MARGINS	
• "I wonder ..." "I'm thinking..." • "I'm feeling..." or ... • Write a one-word summary for the paragraph. • Create titles for the paragraphs, sections, or pages.	