


Annotating a Text

Skillful readers annotate as they read. When you annotate a text, you mark the text and write notes or questions about it. Annotating will help you keep track of your ideas and questions.

Use the following symbols to help you organize your annotations:

- **Underline** key ideas and major points.
- Write a **?** next to anything that is confusing, such as unfamiliar words or unclear information.
-  key words or phrases or anything the author says in an interesting way.
- Put an **!** next to surprising or important information or information that helps you make a connection.