

Annotation Guide for Close Reading Nonfiction Texts

<p>Before Reading:</p> <p>4 P's of Pre Reading</p>	<p>Preview</p> <p>Scan & Skim</p> <p>Scan the pages and notice text features (titles, captions, charts)</p> <p>Scan to find the author and publication date.</p> <p>Skim by reading the headings and the first and last sentence.</p>	<p>Predict</p> <p>What do you predict this text is about (topic)?</p> <p>Which words seem important?</p> <p>What do you think those words mean?</p> <p>How could this topic connect to the world right now?</p>	<p>Prior Knowledge</p> <p>What do you already know about this topic?</p> <p>What looks familiar or connects to something you know?</p> <p>How does this connect to topics you've discussed in class?</p>	<p>Purpose</p> <p>What was the author's purpose for writing this text? (P.I.E.)</p> <p>What is my purpose for reading today?</p> <p>(Ex: identifying key details, finding evidence, making a claim, determining the main idea...)</p>
<p>First Read</p> <p>Annotate The Key Details</p>	<p>Names</p> <p>Who or what is the article about? Names of people, groups, locations, events, or ideas.</p> <p>This is a KEY DETAIL!</p> <p>Circle it!</p> 	<p>Numbers</p> <p>Dates, statistics, dollar amounts, population, or other data.</p> <p>This is a KEY DETAIL!</p> <p>Circle it!</p> 	<p>New or Important Information</p> <p>Does the information answer the 5Ws or H questions?</p> <p>This is a KEY DETAIL!!</p> <p><u>Underline it!</u></p> 	<p>"Gap" Words</p> <p>Notice unfamiliar words.</p> <p>Notice academic vocabulary and words connected to the topic.</p> <p>Ask: Could some students be confused by this word?</p> <p>Put a box around it and then figure out the precise meaning!</p> 
<p>Second Read</p> <p>Study Structure and Meaning</p>	<p>Summarize</p> <p>Topics & Issues</p> <p>After reading the text, skim each paragraph and notice:</p> <p>Topics, Issues, Problems, Big Ideas or Motifs</p> <p>Each paragraph can be different!</p> <p>Write these in the margin of the text for each paragraph!</p>	<p>Main Idea</p> <p>Ask: What's the <u>overall</u> topic- who or what is the text mostly about?</p> <p>Ask: What is the author teaching me about this topic? (Look back at key details you marked)</p> <p>Topic + Author's Teaching = Main Idea</p> <p>Write this in one sentence at the end of the text!</p>	<p>Organization</p> <p>How does the author structure and organize the text? How are paragraphs used? How is the information explained?</p> <p>What's the POV?</p> <p>Mark it with an arrow!</p> 	<p>Questions and Connections</p> <p>Use question marks to show a spot that is confusing or you have a question.</p> <p>Use exclamation points to mark spots that connect to yourself, another text, or the world.</p> 

