Annotation

An annotation is extra information associated with a particular place in a text. An annotation can be a comment or an explanation. Many people put annotations right in the margins of a text as they are reading. Annotating a text helps you to:

- Keep track of key ideas and questions
- Think more deeply about what you have read
- Analyze and interpret a text
- Make inferences and draw conclusions about a text
- Easily find something in a text again without having to reread it

DIRECTIONS: Read and annotate the assigned text in the handout. Use the symbols presented below.

highlight	key ideas or main points
?	write in the margin next to anything you don't understand
underline	key words and phrases
!	write next to anything that helps you make a connection, or next to anything that you find surprising or particularly important
summarize	At the bottom of the page, summarize the text in a few sentences.