Annotating Text

Definition: Annotate: 1. To furnish (a literary work) with ciritical commentary or explanatory notes; 2. Add explanatory notes to or supply with critical comments; 3. Provide interlinear explanations for words or phrases.

Possible elements to ‘annotate’ in a text:

* Figures of speech
* Tone / Shifts in Tone
* Shifts in Thought
* Conflicts in scenes
* Goals and Motivations
* Describing the import of statements

and actions essential to understanding a

character

* Discriminating between stated

(or assumed) intentions and

concealed intentions

* Identifying and Explaining irony
* Rhetorical devices / strategies
* Author’s use of diction (word choice)
* Vocabulary (unfamiliar words
* Dialect
* Connections to current events
* Connections to your own life
* Connections to other literature
* Symbols
* Recurring images
* Recurring Themes / Motifs
* Color imagery
* Thesis in Non-fictions
* Main ideas
* Provocative statements
* Character descriptions / Development
* Points of contention
* Multiple meanings
* Syntax
* Effective use of language
* Anything else significant to understanding of text