

Ways to Annotate a Text

Annotate: add notes to a text, giving explanation or comment

Use the following strategies to annotate your article

1. Underline important text evidence.
 - a. Only underline the **most** important words and phrases
 - b. Do not underline entire paragraphs!
2. Circle words you do not know.
3. Highlight words and phrases you think are important.
4. *Write* notes and questions in the margins.
5. *Sketch* a picture to help you visualize a word or idea.

Example:

(CNN) -- A large snowstorm came barreling through the Northeast on Monday, threatening to drop 16 inches in some areas and frustrate commuters. By Monday morning, Newfield, New York, was reporting 10 inches of snow, while Ridgebury, Pennsylvania, had 8 inches. More accumulation was expected, especially in higher elevations. The blustery blast follows a mild winter that saw little snow and the warmest March on record. "The last time we had a big snowstorm across the East Coast was back in October," when fall foliage was still on the trees, said CNN Meteorologist Rob Marciano.

"This has been a crazy, crazy winter" in the region, he said.

Name: _____

Topic: Annotating a Text (writing notes on the text)

Focus Question: What does reading look like?

Part 1: Read the following article and pay attention to the annotations that have been made on the page. When you have finished reading, write down 3 strategies you noticed that were used in those annotations. (For example, "the reader asked a question in the margins.")

Fast Food Nation

Should be a top priority. we need food to live!

Just students? What about adults?

Life is more hectic than ever -- between school, sports, clubs and friends, who has time to think about what to eat? Time for plan B: fast food.

"Fast food is easy," said Sarah Hudson, a 14-year-old from Portland, Maine, enjoying Hamburger and Fries, a snack at McDonald's. "It's quick and it tastes good." She figures she eats fast food about twice a week.

Wow, that's a lot! I only eat F.F once a month

"As long as it tastes good and it fills you up then that's all I care about," said her friend Ryan Bell, 13. "We buy it because it tastes good. If they made healthy food I doubt we would buy it."

This reminds me of "Super-Size Me"

The average American now consumes about three hamburgers and four orders of french fries every week. That's 90 grams of fat and 2,520 calories. The average person needs about 2,000 calories for a whole day.

minim. French Fries!

That's it?

If so many people know it's bad, why do they still eat it?

Most Americans know that fast food isn't exactly good for them, but can't quite seem to break the habit. In fact, consumption of high-fat fast food is increasing, in part because fast food restaurants are an inescapable part of American life. - We are prisoners!

According to Fast Food Nation, a new book by Eric Schlosser, 96 percent of American schoolchildren can identify Ronald McDonald. The only fictional character with McDonald's higher degree of recognition is Santa Claus.

FAST Food Religion

Schlosser says it's nearly impossible to overstate the impact of the fast food industry on the nation's culture, economy and diet. "McDonald's Golden Arches," he writes, "are now more widely recognized than the Christian cross."

Annotation Strategies I noticed:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____