

Useful Annotation Strategies

PREVIEW THE TEXT

- Look at **headings**, **sub-topics**, **organizational structure** and **key terms**
- What do you know about the **author**? Look them up to have a better understanding of what **lens** to look at the text from

REREREAD WHAT YOU JUST READ

- As you **reread** you can take apart sentences and **review** different aspects

HIGHLIGHT (BONUS POINTS FOR DIFFERENT COLORS)

- Actively **highlight** the reading to keep track of important words, phrases and sections
 - Use different colors! Create a system. For example, use yellow for what you find important, blue for vocabulary and orange for sentences that make no sense at all.

GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS SAVE YOU TIME LATER

- Use graphic organizers to organize your thoughts, break down ideas and make for quicker review later

VOCABULARY STRATEGIES INCREASE YOUR LEXICON

- Learn unfamiliar words with vocabulary strategies:
 - Look at the **surrounding context** to guess meaning, **skip** if it doesn't seem as important, analyze **word parts** and if all else fails, **look up the dang word!**

SUMMARIZE, QUESTION AND RESPOND AS YOU GO

- Use the **margins** to summarize paragraphs, ask questions or write a response to what you just read.
- This is **critical** as it keeps you engaged with text
- Saves you time **LATER** if you need to track down any ideas or quotes as it'll be quicker in your memory