

Close Reading – Annotation

1. Read for the **gist**.
 - a. Record a gist statement for each section or paragraph.
 - b. Use your gist statements to help you write a summary.
 2. **Box** or **circle** unfamiliar words and **write a synonym or short definition**.
 3. Underline **repeating terms/words/names**.
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4. Star (*) important **terms/words/names**.
 5. Put a question mark (?) next to a section you're **questioning or confused about**.
 6. Use an exclamation point (!) for **ideas that strike or surprise** you in some way.
 7. Use **arrows (➡)** to **connect ideas**.
 8. **Color code/highlight** to determine **contrasting or differences**.
 9. Flag (🚩) to mark pages with sticky notes.