

## Annotation Guide

What is active reading?

Active reading is reading with the intent to find meaning. This is done through determination rather than reading and rereading a text. A student that actively reads will start by constructing a general understanding of the text and then move to understanding through metacognition.

As you begin to actively read, you should be involved with the text. One way that you can do this is by annotating your text.

- Highlight and annotate in **PINK** any personal reactions, questions, or concerns you have as you read.
- Highlight and annotate in **YELLOW** examples of direct and indirect characterization.
- Highlight and define in **BLUE** any words you do not know.
- Highlight and annotate in **GREEN** text that reveal themes (big, abstract ideas); please write those themes below:

Excerpt from Summer Reading	Reading Harry Potter	The Closing of the American Book

Be sure that each time you highlight a passage that you also leave a note. These notes are for you!