### **Literary Annotation Guide**

(use with novels, short stories, poetry, plays, Shakespeare)

## Highlight, underline or mark with a post-it

Search for important passages, descriptions and words.

## NEW VOCABULARY (Fiction and poetry)

Identify and define new vocabulary words

#### THEME (Fiction and poetry)

What is the author trying to teach the reader through the experiences of the characters and/or with figurative language and symbolism?

### IMAGERY (Fiction and poetry)

Identify different types of imagery used to describe the setting, tone, and/or the experiences of characters.

> (tactile, auditory, olfactory, visual, and gustatory)

# TONE, SYMBOLS, AND MOTIFS (Fiction and poetry)

Identify specific rhetorical devices:

Allusion Metaphor/simile Personification Repetition Oxymoron Hyperbole Irony

Pay close attention to MOTIFS (repetition of symbolism):

> Colors Light/dark Weather patterns shadows

- Identify specific adjectives used in the development of tone and mood
- Identify passages that relate to the title

# <u>SETTING AND CHARACTERI</u>ZATION (Fiction)

How do actions or dialogue offer insight into a character's personality and development?

#### CONFLICT DEVELOPMENT (Fiction)

identify conflict development as internal or external.

## Write in margins or on post-its

- Character IDs above a character's name
- Definitions
- Questions
- > Interpretations/translations
- Summaries
- Personal reactions
- Predictions
- Connections
- Comments

### Non-fiction/academic Annotation Guide

(use with articles, academic texts, text books, speeches, interviews, letters)

# Highlight, underline or mark with a post-it Search for main ideas and discussion points

- Search for important passages, and words.
- Create your own system for marking what is important, interesting, quotable, questionable, and so forth.

#### NEW VOCABULARY

Identify and define new vocabulary words

#### KEY FACTS, MAIN IDEAS, AND EVIDENCE

While you read, use marginalia—marginal notes—to mark key material.

> Check marks question marks stars

arrows brackets

written words and phrases.

## ASSERTIONS AND EVIDENCE

- Identify the main assertion in each paragraph
- Identify key evidence and research used to support these assertions.

### RHETORIC

Identify specific fallacies of logic:

Ad Hominem

Appeal to Ignorance

Appeal to faith

Argument from authority

Bandwagon

Begging the question

Circular reasoning

Loaded questions

Identify specific rhetorical devices used for emphasis/persuasion:

Litotes

Hyperbole

Archaism

**Antithesis** 

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