

Poetry Annotation Techniques

Annotate means to add notes next to a text giving explanation or comment. Also, consider writing key words or "marking" (circle, underline, highlight, or square) parts of a text.

Annotating is any action that deliberately interacts with a **text** to enhance the reader's understanding of, recall of, and reaction to the **text**.

Annotate any part of the poem that **stands out** to you or **surprises** you.

Annotate any part of the poem that **confuses** you.

Annotate any part of the poem that seems **important**.

Annotate any part of the poem that might connect to the poem's **meaning**.

Annotate **questions** in the margin.

Annotate unusual **words or phrases**.

Annotate lines that support the **theme**.

Annotate **figurative language**.