

MARKING THE TEXT: Fiction

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Step # 2: Circle Descriptive words and Names of Important People, Places, and Things

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- Names of Characters
- Names of Settings
- Key Vocabulary words
- Diction

Step #3: Underline Descriptions, Figurative Language, or other Information Relevant to the Reading Purpose

You might underline:

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- Literary Devices
- Characterization
- Dialogue
- Imagery
- Context Clues
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MARKING THE TEXT: Non-Fiction

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- used in an original or unique way?
- a central concept or idea?
- relevant to one's reading purpose?

Step #3: Underline the Essential/ Important Ideas

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- Main ideas
- Evidence
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WRITING IN THE MARGINS

VISUALIZE

- what does this look like?
- How can I draw this?
- what visual/symbol represents this idea?

SUMMARIZE

- State what the paragraph/section is about in your own words
- Describe what the author is doing.
- Account for key terms and ideas.

CLARIFY

- Define key terms.
- Analyze or connect ideas in the text.
- Paraphrase or summarize ideas.

CONNECT

- How does this relate to me?
- How does this relate to other ideas in the text?
- How does this relate to another text I've read?
- How does this relate to the world?

RESPOND

Respond to:

- An interesting idea
- An emotional statement
- A disturbing or inspirational statement
- Author's claim(s)
- Facts, data, or other information that supports a claim

QUESTION

- who...?
- what...?
- when...?
- where...?
- How...?
- why...?