

# Chesterton Academy Guide to Annotating

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## React to the Text

- Underline or highlight passages that stood out to you or that you particularly enjoyed. If there are specific pages you find important to the story/argument, tab the page so it's easy to find later.
  - Note in the margins passages or concepts you found confusing ("?"), exciting ("!"), funny ("Ha"), or important ("Note Well").
  - Remember – there is no "right answer" to reacting to the text. It's ok to dislike or disagree with the authors we study.
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## Summarize the Text

- For each paragraph, write a short clause or sentence in the margins summarizing the basic point/argument/plot of the paragraph.
  - Summarizing the text will help you when you return to the text to review it with ease, especially if you are being assessed on it!
  - Make sure your summaries are neat and readable! They don't help you if you can't read them later!
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## Question the Text

- For each paragraph, write a short clause or sentence in the margins summarizing the basic point/argument/plot of the paragraph.