

# HOW TO ANNOTATE TEXT

the Schwartzman way



When you read, it's important to annotate, or interact with a text.



You naturally have ideas, feelings, questions, or make mental images, so show that you're thinking.



Pause and jot down those thoughts.



Write down any connections to other texts, movies, or events that you notice.



Discuss a part that is confusing to you. Ask the author a question about a passage.



Notice and comment upon a literary device – simile, metaphor, alliteration, repetition, irony, symbolism, etc. What effect does it create for you?



Explain the moments of emotional impact. How are you feeling? Is this what the author hoped you would feel? How did the author create this feeling in you?



When you encounter a word that you don't know, look it up in the dictionary and write down its definition.



Use your inference skills. Is the author using a passage or relationship to try to tell you something deeper than what is being said directly?



★ Remember, underlining or highlighting majority of text is NOT annotating.