

Week 3 Annotation Guide

Process Analysis Annotations

How to Read Like a Writer by Mike Bunn
Focus: Process Analysis

Directions: As you read the essay, annotate the text to understand how the author explains the process of reading like a writer. This essay explains a strategy step-by-step, so your goal is to identify how the process works and how the author teaches it to readers. You are not limited to these annotations. If something is confusing, surprising, or important, mark it and write a note explaining your thinking.

- 1. Identify the Main Idea** - Mark the sentence that best explains the purpose of the essay.
Ask yourself:
 - What is the author trying to teach readers?
 - What is the overall message about reading and writing?

- 2. Identify the Process** - This essay explains how to read like a writer. Number the steps or strategies the author describes. Look for: strategies, techniques, advice for readers

- 3. Identify Signals of Process or Instruction** - Underline words that signal explanation or instruction. Examples: first, when you read, the goal is, for example, consider, and ask yourself. These words help readers understand how the process works.

- 4. Mark Examples the Author Uses** - Put a ★ next to examples the author uses to explain his ideas. Examples may include: personal stories, comparisons, and examples of writing techniques. Ask yourself: Why does the author include this example?

- 5. Identify Writing Techniques** - Underline places where the author demonstrates how writing works. Examples of techniques: anecdotes (personal stories), detailed descriptions, comparisons, and rhetorical questions.

- 6. Vocabulary** - Circle difficult or unfamiliar words. Research the simplest definition of each word and write it in the margins of the text.

- 7. Reader Questions** - Put a ? next to confusing ideas. Write your question in the margin.
Example: Why does the author compare reading to architecture?

- 8. Connections to Writing** - Put W next to ideas that could help you improve your own writing.
Example: Start an essay with a story to engage readers.