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Activity 8: Annotating and Questioning the Text

Annotating a text means marking the text with highlighting, underlining, symbols, comments, and even whole sentences. Annotating forces you to read more slowly and carefully, but you need to be strategic in your annotation for it to be effective. Follow the directions below for annotating this essay:

1. Reread the article one section at a time.
2. In the left margin, write phrases or sentences that communicate the main point of that paragraph or section. Also write in the margin “ex” if the author includes an example or “def” if the author gives a definition.
3. In the right margin, write your reaction to the text. These reactions could be questions, your own examples, and statements of agreement or disagreement. Here you can use abbreviations only you understand or even texting language.

Example: Look at the sample annotation of paragraphs 7 and 8 below. What do you notice about the notes in the margins?

<u>Content</u>		<u>My Reaction</u>
Study by De Backer	Dr. Charlotte De Backer of the University of Leicester, Department of Media and Communication, carried out a study to try to explain why we are so obsessed with celebrities. She discovered that the <u>younger the participant was, the more apt they were to follow celebrity gossip</u> , even if the gossip was about a celebrity that they had never heard of.	Why? fun to gossip!
Why obsessed?		What are the reasons?
Results:		
1. kids more interested		Miley
2. different reasons	Dr. De Backer said, “Each person has <u>a different reason</u> for wanting to track the every movement of their favorite celebrity, but there comes a time when being amused by their <u>antics</u> transforms into becoming obsessed, and no obsession is a good thing, especially when you look at the type or role models that recent celebrities have become.”	
3. any obsession is not good		