



Writing in the margins has always been an essential activity for students. Annotation helps in reading comprehension and in developing critical thinking about course materials. Adding Hypothesis to your Canvas course supports student success by placing active discussion right on top of course readings, enabling you and your students to add comments and start conversations in the margins of texts. Hypothesis makes your reading assignments:

- **Active** by encouraging careful and thoughtful reading.
- **Visible** by providing insight into student's thoughts and understanding.
- **Social** by allowing everyone to comment on a single text, together.

Annotation Basics in Hypothesis

Hypothesis allows you to turn any webpage or PDF into a social platform using these four tools.



A **Highlight** is the equivalent of swiping a physical highlighter over a passage of text.



An **Annotation** is the equivalent of writing a note in a margin. You can add text or tags.



A **Page Note** is like a social bookmark and isn't selection based. You can add text or tags, like an annotation.



A **Reply** allows you to reply to a previous highlight, annotation, page note, or previous reply.

Using Hypothesis in Canvas

If you just want to give students the option of social annotation, add a Hypothesis enabled reading to your course modules in Canvas. However, if you want to grade student's annotations, create a Hypothesis assignment, and use the Speedgrader for grading.

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