

## "Talking to the Text"

### Annotating Strategies for Interacting with Primary and Secondary Historical Documents

#### Purpose:

1. To understand the text
2. To understand the historical context (when was this written, and why?)
3. To identify areas of interest and concern (what do I like/dislike about this?)

#### Strategies:

##### Underline/Circle/Highlight

1. The main idea/ author's purpose/ author's claim
2. People's names, names of places, dates (look up any name you don't recognize)
3. Vocabulary words/ unfamiliar words (look up anything you don't understand)
4. Important ideas and events

#### Write in the margins

1. Definition and identifications
2. How you feel about what you're reading (reactions)
3. Connections (how does this connect to you, or anything that you already know?)
4. Predictions (what do you think will happen next as a result of this?)