**Annotation: Definition and Early Reflection**

**Define Annotation:**

Annotation means writing down what you think while you read. It emphasizes 7 major thinking strategies:

**Terms for Annotation:**
1. Question (and answer)

2. Define (and why did they use that word)
3. Connect (self, text, world)
4. Visualize (sensing)
5. Determine Importance (ranking)
6. Predict an event (in the future)
7. Inference (read between the lines, see what really is there)
8. Synthesis (Big idea/ Theme. It takes 3 or more pieces of evidence to conclude one unique idea)

If you annotate regularly, you can train your brain to retain and understand what you read, say, write and even think about.  It is an excellent life strategy that can be used to read and understand any material.

**Early Annotation Reflection**

1. Determine importance—what annotation term is the most difficult for you to do? How could you improve?

2. Connect to self—Which term do you use the most when you read? Why?

3. Predict— how using annotation could change how you read or your life?

4. Synthesis—Are you are reader? (Prove this with 3 points from your life).