

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK - A.O.W.

How to Annotate

What is Article of the Week?

- **On Wednesday of each week, you will receive an article to read.**
- **You will have to read the article, make comments on it, and write a reflection.**
- **Both the article and the reflection are always due the following Wednesday. If you are absent, it is due the day you return to school.**

A.o.W.: Write on it?

- ◎ **You will be learning how to “annotate” an article.**
- ◎ **Active readers do this.**
 - It simply means to “take notes in your text.”
 - “Talk back” to the article, write what you think

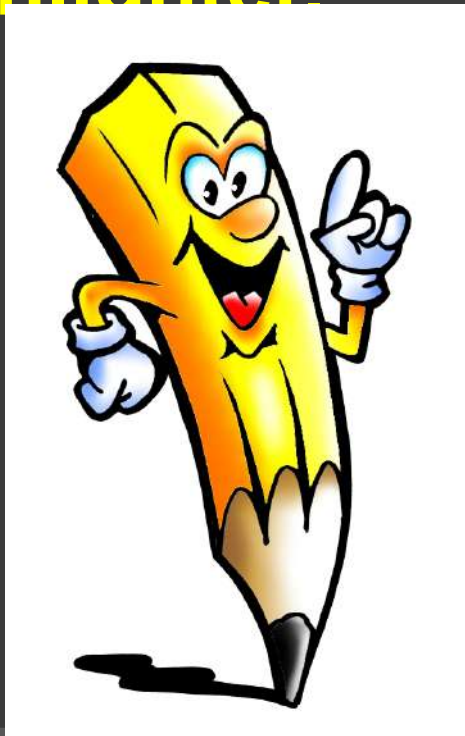
Why annotate?

◎ **Annotating helps you:**

- Stay focused while you read
- Involve you with your text
- Monitor and improve your comprehension

What will I need?

- Since you are writing on your text, you will need a pencil and a highlighter



How to annotate

- **While you are reading the Article of the Week (A.o.W.)**
- Underline important terms
- Write key words and definitions in the margins
- Signal where important information can be found with key words or symbols in the margin



How to annotate (more)

◎ **While you are reading the Article of the Week (A.o.W.):**

- Write short summaries in the margin at the end of a chunk of text.
- Write your comments, questions you have, and any ideas that occur to you in the margins.
- Add comments about connections you make to the text..

Turning in your Article of the Week

(A.o.W.)

- ◎ **On Wednesdays, you will submit the article itself and your reflection. You will then receive the next article.**
- ◎ **How your teacher will check your annotating:**
 - How much did you write on the text (A.o.W)?
 - How much thinking is shown in the annotating?
 - How thoughtful are your comments and connections?

Turning in your Article of the Week (A.o.W.)

- **As a *general* rule:**
 - The more writing on the text and in the margins, the better the grade.
 - Neatness counts! If I can't read your annotating, then there is a problem.
 - Use a pencil; inky mistakes show that you don't care about how you represent yourself through your work.
 - If you are not 100% sure this is your best work, then I will probably agree with you. Your work and the quality of your work is a representation of who you are. Remember this!

Turning in your Article of the Week (A.o.W.)

- **What can bring this grade down?**
 - **Don't bother turning it in.**
 - A.o.W. is a weekly, constant grade which affects your overall mark. One article and reflection each month will be counted as a quiz grade. This is a simple way to improve your grade if you turn in ALL A.o.W.'s and they are high quality.
 - **Turn in a weak product that is barely annotated.**
 - Why bother doing anything if you don't put forth your best effort? You are annotating because you need to! You are doing what "good readers" do!

Turning in your Article of the Week (A.o.W.)

◎ **What can bring this grade down?**

- Do only one part of the A.o.W.
 - Your grade reflects your effort. If you do not have the assignment to turn in, then it goes in the grade book as a zero.
- Don't worry about really thinking about the A.o.W. Just write anything at the last minute. I can tell when you turn in "rushed" work.

Turning in your Article of the Week (A.o.W.)

- **Along with the annotating, you must turn in a written reflection about the A.o.W.**
 - Handwritten or...Typed (one page, 12 pt. font, Arial, Garamond, or Times New Roman – 1.5 maximum line spacing)
 - Neat
 - Name and date in the upper write hand corner, title in the center

Turning in your Article of the Week (A.o.W.)

◎ **Your reflection may include any combination of these:**

- A general summary of the article
- Reference to some questions and comments that you annotated in the margins
- Your stance of why or why not you agree with the author
- Your favorite part of the article with an explanation of why you liked it

Turning in your Article of the Week (A.o.W.)

- **Your one-page reflection may include any combination of these:**
 - Exploration of some of the questions raised by the A.o.W.
 - What else the article relates to in the world or your experience.
 - A personal connection to the A.o.W.
 - How does this article relate to you and your life?
 - Did this article remind you of an experience you had?