

Holistic annotation rubric

Score	Criteria: Annotations...
Meets expectations 5 points	• Add to the conversation by including questions, examples, connections, or elaboration/explanation • Highlight central ideas or offer clarification, extending knowledge beyond restating the text • Demonstrate reflection and analysis of the text • Contain additive replies to classmates which answer their questions or extend their responses • Meet required number of annotations/replies
Emerging towards expectations 3 points	• Contain incomplete thoughts or connections without clear examples/explanations • Restate the text without clarifying/highlighting key ideas • Contain replies that do not further the conversation beyond “I agree” • Less than minimum number of required annotations/replies included
Incomplete/missing 0 points	• Missing or does not add to the conversation in any way

To use this rubric in your course:

- Edit the scoring values to grades that work best for your course.
- Review the criteria for “adding to the conversation”–does this describe what you’d like an annotation to contain in your course? Revise as needed.
- Revise other criteria as necessary depending on your annotation assignment requirements (for example, remove the bullet about required number of annotations if a specific number of annotations is not required in your assignments).
- Add any criteria that assess your assignment instructions which are not included here.