

## Purpose

Annotating the readings for each module will allow us to think about the readings critically as a class, even though we don't physically meet in the same space. As you annotate, you can share your thoughts about a reading, connect it to your own life, to course materials that we've already covered. You can ask a question if you don't understand something, or answer a question I've asked in the Module Study Questions.

## Format

You'll participate in the annotations using the Assignments tool in Canvas, and a tool called Hypothesis built in. Each reading will have its own separate assignment. Any readings that don't require annotations will be linked from the Module Overview page- you should still complete these to be successful in your assignments.

## Assessment

Annotation assignments are pass/fail, so as long as you complete the assignment with good effort, you'll receive credit (5 points). To gain credit for annotations, each annotation should do one of the following:

- Answer a question: if a classmate (or me!) has asked a question as an annotation, or answer an Essential Question for that module.
  - *Example:* John, I think the author means that the women were involved with the development of the actual machine, but they weren't included in news reports.
- Pose a question about the material. Questions can be rhetorical, or asking something you'd hope to have answered because you don't understand.
  - *Examples:*
    - What does the author mean when they refer to an algorithm as a "black box?"
    - I wonder how much my own conceptions about my gender have impacted my confidence in using technology?
- Connect the material back to other topics or points we have discussed in the course.
  - *Example:* This is a pretty clear example of gender performativity, which we talked about when we watched the video with Judith Butler.
- Connect material to something in your own life, including other courses.
  - *Example:* The design justice principles remind me of a discussion we had in my philosophy class around the ethics of companies developing algorithmic technologies.