ANNOTATION STEPS

Annotation allows you to track your thoughts while reading. It helps you identify facts, opinions, main ideas, and MORE! It also allows you to analyze vocabulary and learn new words!

ANNOTATE: - A-note-I-take!

1. **Number** all paragraphs
2. Draw lines to separate each paragraph or “chunk”. You can also draw lines to separate larger paragraphs.
3. Decide if the piece is **FICTION or NON-FICTION**. Write it at the top. (Fiction-fake, non-fiction-real)
4. Next, **read** each paragraph
   - **Circle** anywhere from 3-8 words
     - i. Interesting details, unknown words, etc...
   - **Underline** the MAIN IDEA or most important sentence of the paragraph
   - **WRITE** or “**jot**” a note out to the side in the margin
     - i. You can summarize what happens in that paragraph
     - ii. You can make predictions
     - iii. You can describe a connection or similar feeling
5. Continue to all paragraphs are completed. It WILL look messy! That means you are doing it right!