

IB SEMESTER TWO... ANNOTATION GUIDE

Color One: _____ = appreciation of writer's choices

highlight literary techniques, choices regarding language, structure, and style

- Identify the stylistic technique (imagery, figurative language, dialogue, motif, color, word, syntax, etc.)
- Next to identifying the technique, write *THE EFFECT* of the choice the author makes in the margin.

Essentially, you will answer the question, *how does the technique shape the meaning of the text?*

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Color Two: _____ = cultural/contextual connections

highlight areas in the text that are significant to the cultural or social context of the work

In your annotations, you should respond in the margins while focusing on the...

- Function of time and place
- Economic, political, social, religious, historical, geographical context and/or implications
- Connections to your own culture
- Personal response in terms of difficulty or easiness in responding to the social context or culture in the text

