



Analysis: Tips

- **Always annotate** your book
 - It helps you **understand it more** and **improves your comprehension** and deeper level analysis for it
- When trying to write notes/annotate a book, **never just summarize** what you read
 - Many people just try to summarize the main idea of the passage and call that annotating... THAT IS WRONG!
 - You have to really **go deeper than what the words just say**
 - When you try to understand the hidden meaning of words... you are actually using higher level analysis skills that will be very helpful to you for the rest of your high school English classes
- Annotation can also **help you understand poetry better**, as poetry contains a lot of figurative language and the meaning of a poem may not always be apparent when you read the surface level words.
- Annotating can be done in one color, but you may find it **helpful to highlight passages**, or in poems, write different comments in **different colors** to represent different types of figurative language.

NOTE: To practice analysis, read and annotate a book you are having trouble understanding. Try a classic, for example: Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky.