**Close Reading Process**

**How do you annotate?**

1. **Number the paragraphs.**
2. **Chunk the text.**

Draw a horizontal line between paragraphs to divide the page into smaller sections.

1. **Underline and circle with a purpose.**

Circle “Key terms” in the text. Key terms are words that: 1. Are defined. 2. Are repeated throughout the text. If you only circled five key terms in the entire text, you would have a pretty good idea about what the entire text is about.

AP English 3: Circle diction, put parentheses around metaphoric language, and underline details.

1. **Left margin: Write the focus of the paragraph (Main idea)**

Summarize each chunk in 2-3 words.

1. **Right margin: Dig deeper into the text.**

You might:

* List 3 pieces of evidence from text that support the focus of the paragraph
* AP English 3: Describe the images, Explain what the diction suggests, Describe tone
* Use a power verb to describe what the author is DOING. (Describing, illustrating, arguing, etc.) Ex. “Comparing the character of Montag to Captain Beatty”.
* Represent the information with a picture.
* Ask questions

\* Information adapted from http://iteachicoachiblog.blogspot.com/2012/06/five-simple-close-reading-strategies.html