

Annotating Using Connections

Highlight what you are connecting with. When focusing on connecting, you want to make it clear how you are personally relating to the text. Your annotation should be clearly explained...what exactly are you making a connection with?

Below, you will see examples of annotations that are considered to be connections. **The boxes in the margins are examples of connection annotations.** Notice how each annotation clearly describes the connection the reader has made to the text.

I am just the opposite. I always do so much better in reading than I do in math, especially on standardized tests like the NECAPS we took last year.

This is what I hate the most! Answering questions about what I have read. I would much rather draw a visual or create a piece of poetry to show what I read.

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Test scores on a national exam show U.S. students improved in math but not reading this year.

Standardized tests are used to measure student achievement in subject areas.

Scores on a national test released on November 1 show that U.S. students have improved in math over the last two years, but mostly stayed the same in reading. The test is the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). **It is the largest measure of student achievement in the U.S.**

The NAEP is given every two years to measure student achievement in math and reading. This year, 422,000 fourth graders and 343,000 eighth graders took the exams between January and March. **Students were asked to read grade-appropriate materials and answer questions for the reading test.** For the math test, students answered questions about geometry, algebra, number properties, measurement and other topics.

Reading about these tests reminds me of the time in the third grade when our teacher surprised us with an ice cream party to reward us for our hard work!