

Annotating Through Analyzing Visuals

Focus on the visuals that accompany the text. When people say that a “picture is worth a thousand words”, they mean you can get a lot of information from it. As a critical reader, it is important to stop and look at the pictures, charts, graphs, etc. that accompany the text, as they add meaning to what the author is saying.

Below, you will see examples of annotations that are considered to be analyzing visuals. **The boxes in the margins are examples of these annotations.** Notice how each annotation describes how the visual connects back to the text.

Veterans Day

The nation honors military members on November 11

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President Barack Obama hangs a commemorative wreath during the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 2013.

The nation celebrates Veterans Day on November 11 to honor all who have served in the military for the United States. Across America, various parades and ceremonies are held to celebrate the loyal services of our country's armed forces. Some schools will have special events, too. What will your classroom do to celebrate Veterans Day?



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Citizens of Kinston, North Carolina began Veterans Day celebrations early with a parade on November 8, 2014.

History of the Holiday

At 11:00 A.M. on November 11, 1918, World War I was officially declared over. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson set aside November 11, 1919 as Armistice Day in the United States. Armistice is a term used to describe a formal agreement or truce. Wilson's intention was to create a lasting peace after the war by remembering and honoring the sacrifices the military made during World War I.

Congress declared November 11 a national holiday in 1938. After a town in Kansas organized a local Veterans Day Parade, a Kansas representative proposed to change the holiday's title. President Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day in 1954.

This image of President Obama hanging a wreath is symbolic of how we, as Americans, honor and remember our veterans every year on November 11th.

This image is of an actual veteran taking part in a parade to honor service men and women who have worked to protect our country. The young children in the background show how all of us appreciate the risks that they take for for our freedom.