**Annotate nonfiction**

**C’s & Q’s**

Comments – interact with the text: agree, disagree, react, emotions, surprises

Questions – write down your questions as they occur to you

Connections – make connections to other events, news, history, literature, personal experience, etc.

Quotations – highlight the most powerful, important, interesting lines

**Analyzing purpose and argument**

1. Identify and box-in the argument/the writer’s purpose (to explain, to persuade, to describe, to entertain)

2. Mark the evidence the writer uses to prove his or her thesis/purpose.

3. Jot down notes in the margins or summarize a paragraph in only a few words. That way, you’ll be able to find where information is located more easily upon review.

4. Circle and define unknown words.

5. Use brackets or underlining to indicate important information in paragraphs.

6. Put an asterisk next to something you want to remember specifically or something you find important.

7. Look for and draw connections between repetitions of information.