What Annotating ***Is*** and what it ***Is Not***

Is Not

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* QUESTIONS: About things you don’t understand, things you are predicting, things you are trying to make sense out of
* CONNECTIONS: What you already know about yourself, your world, or other readings
* INTERPRETATIONS: Meaning or depth – not at surface level of the text; requires thinking and inference (putting puzzle pieces together)
* SUMMARIES: Putting something into your own words, paraphrasing information in the margins and at the end of the section/chapters.
* PATTERNS: Using numbers, bullets, or own method to organize lists, series, sequences, chronologies, or motifs.
* WORDS: Making vocabulary words, course specific terms and unique language that stands out.
* NOTES WITHOUT THOUGHTS: To remember why. Simply recognizing a simile is being used means nothing. Write down a thought in *WHY* this simile is being used.
* PERSONAL REACTION: For thought worth remembering – not just “wow” or “boring”
* ONE-WORD COMMENTS: Just doesn't depict enough thinking to justify the space it takes up.
* NOTES WITHOUT SYMBOLS OR SYMBOLS WITH OUT NOTES: they tag team to give the passage meaning.
* TOO MUCH OF ANYTHING: Highlighting an entire page or paraphrasing every sentence will become self defeating