

Perusall

Overview: Perusall is a collaborative learning tool for students to create individual or group annotations on text, images, and video. It can also be used for note taking. The tool is free and can be integrated into most LMS's. One area it does not meet WAC 2.1 is using red to highlight important information. It is recommended to instead use **bold** and the word important.

Why and when to use:

Annotating text or media allows students to identify what is most confusing or engaging. It connects asynchronously and provides an opportunity for social learning. Can be used to illuminate points of confusion to inform discussion, at start of course as a way for learners to indicate questions in syllabus, and for asynchronous discussion of a close reading. Also allows students to take notes that can be private or shared with a group.

Tips:

- Faculty and TFs can review annotations to address questions and themes in whole class sessions.
- Consider which texts or media would benefit most from close reading and annotation.
- If you have a large class put students in groups of 20-25.

Evidence to support this tool:

- Shin, Y., Kim, D., & Jung, J. (2018). The effects of representation tool (visible-annotation) types to support knowledge building in computer-supported collaborative learning. *Journal of Educational Technology & Society*, 21(2), 98-110
- <https://perusall.com/research>