

## Title: Text-Coding

**Goal:** To encourage students to interact with the text and record their thinking.

**Description:** Students use a simple coding system to mark the text, either in the margins or on post-it notes. Students can create their own coding system or the class can work together to create a standard system for everyone to use. The coding system can include symbols such as the following:

- a question mark (?) to note something confusing
- an asterisk (\*) to note something important
- an exclamation mark (!) for something surprising. See an example on the following link: [Sample Text Coding](#).

**Variation:** If awarding students credit for their text coding, one method is for the instructor to briefly review students annotations during the first few minutes of class and mark students' pages with a stamp. Another method is for students to take camera shots and upload the images to Blackboard.

**Participant Level:** WC / I

**Prep Time:** S / M

**Class Time:** S / M

**When:** B / A (ideally at start of semester)

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### Code Legend:

**Participant Level:** WC (Whole Class); GR (Groups); P (Pairs); I (Individual Students)

**Prep / Class / Results Analysis Time:** S (Short); M (Medium); L (Long)

**When to Use During Semester:** B (Beginning); M (Middle); E (End); A (Any time)