

How will my annotations evaluated?

Your annotations will be evaluated on the basis of both **quality, quantity, and timeliness**. Your goal is to demonstrate significant, timely, and thoughtful reading of the text.

We calculate the score as follows: Final score = Average of the top 7 (quality*timeliness) scores - points for lack of even coverage.

Quality

Score	Description & Criteria
10	Demonstrates thorough and thoughtful reading AND insightful interpretation of the text.
5	Demonstrates reading, but no (or only superficial) interpretation of the text.
0	Does not demonstrate any thoughtful reading of the text.

Timeliness (this is a multiplicative weighting that will be applied to the Quality score for each individual annotation)

Score	Question or comment (responses get an additional 3 days beyond indicated deadline)
1	Submitted by Reading deadline (see schedule in syllabus - for either a Tuesday or Thursday at 3:30). or submitted by week deadline IF the annotation is the answer to someone else's question.
0.5	Submitted by week deadline (on Sundays by midnight)
0	If submitted after week deadline (on Sundays by midnight) you will lose credit for the annotation

Quantity

You must submit 7 - 20 annotations that cover each section of the reading assignment. We will take the top 7 scores and average it for your grade. If you don't cover all of the sections you will lose 1 point from your final score.

See the examples on the next page to see the quality criterion applied to sample annotations.

Please note that your "timeliness" score is machine-computed and the system is very "hard-nosed" — if you miss a deadline by just one second, your score goes down. We don't have the resources to either evaluate this criterion by hand or make adjustments on a case by case basis, so the computer will be the unbiased judge of your timeliness!