

SIFT ANNOTATIONS

As you read, use the table below to guide your annotations.

Stop
1. Read the headline and circle any words or phrases that indicate what the article is about. 2. At the top of the page, write anything you already know about the subject (These don't need to be complete sentences.).
• Is the headline trying to get an emotional response from you? • Does the headline seem to align with what you already know about the subject?
Investigate
1. Locate the author and source/website and draw a box around both. 2. Next to them, write anything you already know about the source.
• Where could you go online to find out whether or not the source and author are trustworthy?
Find Trusted Coverage
1. Read through the article and highlight the main claims the source is making. ○ <i>A claim is a main point or idea the author is trying to make—something they want you to believe is true.</i> 2. In the margins next to each claim, write either: ○ ✓ If you have no doubt that the claim is accurate ○ ? If you have doubts about the claim and would want to verify it with another source
• What source/type of source would you trust to verify this claim?
Trace
1. Read back through the article and put a ☆ next to any quotes, statistics, data, etc. that the author uses to support their claims. 2. In the margins next to three of the stars, write a 1, 2, and 3 next to the most influential/convincing pieces of data (1 is most, 2 is the second most, etc.)
• For 1, 2, and 3, is it clear where this information came from?

