Marginalia

What
Marginalia is the term used to describe the drawings, written notes, underlinings, illustrations, and/or diagrams that are inserted by readers in and around a published text.

Why
Effective readers…
- determine the important details or facts to understand the text
- make personal connections to them understand the text
- ask questions as they read
- make inferences as they read
- visualize by creating pictures in their minds
- synthesize their reading by combining the new ideas from the reading to what they already know
- use "fix-up" strategies when their comprehension breaks down (re-read, ask clarifying questions, think of something they know that is similar, find a part they know and make inferences)

How
While students read a piece of text, they annotate in the margins based on the above seven comprehension strategies.