

COLLABORATIVE ANNOTATION WITH HYPOTHESIS:

DO YOUR STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE ASSIGNED READING?

Hypothesis allows your students to comment on statements made in webaccessible content or electronic PDF documents and develop digital skills through page annotation and highlighting.

Hypothesis is a Blackboard learning tool that allows your students to highlight text and annotate paragraphs or statements in digital, accessible

content.

Through Blackboard and from a course, instructors create digital annotation assignments to enable students to comment by inserting annotations to pdf documents and linked web pages.

Simply stated, with hypothesis, instructors can:

- Create hypothesis assignments from web content.
- Filter and rank comments about statements made.
- See comments made by individual students in a course.
- Grade each student activity for every annotation assignment.
- View how students are reading and understanding the assigned reading.
- **New** Upload PDFs to a Blackboard course and link to a hypothesis assignments.

With hypothesis, students can:

- Annotate digital text with comments or highlighting.
- Engage through collaborative annotation of a reading for which they can earn a grade.
- Read with a purpose by synthesizing ideas to allow the evolving of understanding in a reading.

Begin using hypothesis in your courses and create assignments that allow students to annotate course documents right from your Blackboard courses. Go to your Course Content>Build Content to locate the hypothesis tool and start creating your first hypothesis assignment. For more information or assistance, contact Gloria Barron at gloria.barron@montgomerycollege.edu

ACTIVITY: True or False

- 1. Hypothesis is a digital annotation tool (T)
- 2. Hypothesis is useful for collaborative reading assignments (T)
- 3. Hypothesis assignments are created directly from a Blackboard course (T)
- 4. Instructors can upload PDFs to a Blackboard course and link to a hypothesis assignment (T)