

Shared Annotation Roles

Successful shared annotation groups require participants to fill a range of roles. Use the following handout to take notes about the five shared annotation roles and to assign tasks to each member of your shared annotation team.

Role	Tasks
Captain Cannonball	
The Provocateur	
The Middle Man	
The Author's Worst Nightmare	
The Repo Man	

Questions for Reflection

1. Which role in a shared annotation group do you think is the most important? Why? Which role could you live without if you didn't have enough group members to fill every job?
2. Would your answers for the previous question change depending on the type of reading that you are doing with your partners? If you were looking at nonfiction, what role would be the most important? Fiction? A piece of work written by a friend looking for feedback? Explain your thinking.
3. Make a list of your shared annotation partners. Then, assign a role to each partner. Be sure to explain the traits that will make your partners successful in the role that you've assigned to them.

Record your shared annotation group assignments in the following table. Make sure that each group member has a copy of this handout and is aware of the roles that they are playing in your upcoming research project. There is room for a member's name, the role they will be taking on, and the reasons why they have been chosen for that role.

Member Name	Role Assigned	Explanation