**ELA/Social Studies Annotation Rules**

Directions:

1. **Read the article and use colored pencils to make annotations.** Use the markings as your guide:

= **Circle** words you do not know in **RED**.

= **Underline** the main idea(s) or topic sentence(s) in **GREEN**.

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= **Place a YELLOW question mark** next to any words or ideas that are confusing.

= Place a **BLUE** box around transition words (Ex: comparatively, in contrast,

however, or, because, in order to, etc.)

1. **1, 2, 3, 4, …** = **Number the paragraphs** so you can easily refer back to them whenever answering questions about the text.
2. **Answer** the questions using **evidence from the text.**