When writing the annotation, you might like to consider some of the following questions or sentence starters to focus your thoughts

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| **Questions to consider** | **Sentence starters** |
| **Summary component** |  |
| What are the main ideas expressed by the author? | This chapter focuses on three main issues. These are … |
| Does the author present evidence to validate his arguments? | The author supports this claim with statistics from … |
| What is the author’s purpose? | The author’s purpose is to challenge common  perceptions of … |
| **Critique or evaluation component** |  |
| How do the ideas presented in the text match or differ from other authors’ ideas? | The author challenges the common notion of …  The theories presented by this author are supported by the majority of the research in this field … |
| Is the text the author’s personal opinion, or is academic support provided? | The ideas outlined in this article appear to be largely the author’s personal opinion as there is a lack of supporting evidence presented … |
| Is it generalised or specific? | The article provides a basic overview of …  This book provides specific, detailed information on ... |
| Is the piece descriptive or analytical? | Although an interesting article, it is largely descriptive and lacks comprehensive analysis of this complicated subject … |
| Who is the intended audience?  Consider the language or tone used. | Although written for a knowledgeable audience, the writing style is informal and the language easy to understand, with no unnecessary jargon … |
| Are there any references worth following? | The author provides a useful list of suggested further reading at the end of each chapter … |
| **Reflection component** |  |
| Did the text help you understand the topic? | This chapter provides useful background information and is helpful as a basic introduction to this complex topic ... |
| Did it change your thinking on the topic? | This article questions the popular notion of … and challenges the reader to consider alternative viewpoints ... |
| How useful was the information?  How will you use it in your own work? | This website is very useful as it will provide a balanced perspective for students wishing to understand this topic ... |

"Marriage." *Groliers Encyclopedia of Knowledge*. CT. Print.

The author's purpose is to give a general overview of the concept of marriage. While the author defined the topic in an easily understandable way, because the information is dated it does not contain any information about same sex marriages. This source is valuable for defining marriage as it was in the past.