

Diigo Shared Annotation Directions for Students

During the next few weeks in class, we'll be using Diigo (<http://www.diigo.com>)—a tool that we've already used for social bookmarking—to read and react to articles with one another. These directions will introduce you to the technical skills needed for adding, reading and responding to annotations in Diigo:

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Viewing Diigo Highlights and Annotations in shared articles	<p>Once your teacher has created a student account and research group for you AND you have the Diigo Toolbar installed on your computers, viewing the highlights and annotations that peers have added to the articles that you are reading together is easy!</p> <p>Simply navigate to your shared article and make sure that your Diigo Toolbar is turned on. Highlights that have been added by your peers will appear automatically. Hovering over highlights will reveal any annotations that peers have added.</p> <p>If your Diigo Toolbar is not turned on, click the Diigo Sign In button found in the top left-hand corner of your web browser. After entering your username and password, you will be able to see the highlights and annotations of your peers.</p>
Responding to Diigo Annotations in shared articles	<p>If you find an annotation left by a peer that you want to respond to directly in a shared article, begin by hovering over the highlight where the original annotation appears. Then, click the Speech Bubble icon found in the top right-hand corner of the annotation window that opens.</p> <p>Next, use the drop-down menu at the top of the screen to point your comment to the Diigo Group that you belong to. Finally, write your comment in the Add Comment box and click the OK button. Your comment will automatically be added to the ongoing conversation found underneath this highlight.</p> <p>Hint: Good writers craft comments in Word so that they can get grammar and spelling help! Then, they copy and paste their final thoughts into Diigo.</p>
Adding new Diigo Highlights and Annotations	<p>If you are the first member of your student research group to read an article—or you find something that you think deserves to be spotlighted—you can add new Diigo Highlights and Highlights with Annotations as well. To add a Diigo Highlight, use your mouse to highlight the selection of text that you want to spotlight. Then, click the Highlight button found in the Diigo Toolbar at the top of your screen.</p> <p>If you want to add a Diigo Highlight with an Annotation, use your mouse to highlight the selection of text that you want to spotlight. Then, select Highlight and Comment from the drop-down menu next to the Highlight button in the Diigo Toolbar at the top of your screen.</p> <p>A new commenting window will open. Use the drop-down menu at the top of the commenting window to point your annotation to the Diigo Group that you are a part of. Then, share your thoughts in the Add Comment box and click the OK button. You've just started a new strand of conversation in this shared article!</p>
Following Diigo Annotations from your group's homepage	<p>Seasoned Diigo users learn a valuable lesson early on in their shared annotation efforts: Participating in Diigo conversations directly on articles is fun, but participating in Diigo conversations from your group's homepage is easy!</p> <p>To follow a Diigo conversation from your group's homepage, select the My Groups link found in the header of the page that you land on after signing in to Diigo. Then, click the name of the group whose conversations you'd like to follow. All of</p>

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the articles that your group has bookmarked will automatically appear.

Beneath each article's web link, you will see an easy-to-read list of every highlight and comment that has already been added to this ongoing conversation. If you want to join a conversation, **hover** over the bottom right-hand corner of the last comment in the strand that you'd like to join. Then, click the **Add Sticky Note** link.

Important Pointer: You cannot add highlights or start brand new strands of conversation from your **Diigo Group's** homepage. You can only follow and participate in strands of conversation that have already been started.