**Reading Strategy**

**Marking the Text**

**Purpose:**

* Helps students focus during reading
* Actively engages students in the reading process
* Allows kinesthetic learners to use manipulatives
* Encourages more students to join in a classroom discussion afterwards because they feel more prepared having marked the text in advance.

**Directions:**

* Teach students to use a marking system that you create.
* Throughout the article or reading passage students draw icons which represent certain ideas in the margins or on a sticky note.
* In order for this strategy to be successful, the teacher needs to model marking his/her own text with the students so they can see what it looks like and how it helps a person focus during reading.

**Example:**

 + New information to remember

 ? Something I have a question about or don’t really understand

 ! Valuable idea that I can use

 Rachel Billmeyer, Strategies to Engage the Mind of the Learner