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READ WITH THE PEN IN HAND

Be an *active reader* . . .

Think when you read . . .

Pause and reflect . . .

In the Margin

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What it Means

I don't understand this.
This is new to me.

I'm surprised by this!
This is a shock!

This is really important.
I need to know this.

I don't know this word.
I need to get its meaning.

This motif or information seems to contribute to
the text's central theme(s).

I noticed these word patterns or repetitions.

This is a turning word, like "so" or "but."
This is a time word, like "when" or "next."

This is an example of a literary device.

I think this could be an important symbol
or metaphor.

Note in the margins:

- A response to the title
- Literary devices (e.g., repetition, imagery)
- Graphic elements (e.g., punctuation, line length)
- Interpretation or ideas suggested by text (e.g., associations suggested by specific words)
- Diction (e.g., informality, denotation, connotation)
- Thoughts about the writer and/or audience (e.g., purpose of text, writer's knowledge of audience, relationship between writer and reader, writer's attitude toward subject, writer's credibility)
- Thoughts about unity and coherence (e.g., organization and logic of thesis and supporting arguments)
- Thoughts about syntax (e.g., sentence length or type, sentence patterns, language patterns, voice)