

Hypothes.is is a tool which supports 'social annotation'. Social annotation involves reading and thinking together. Staff create a Hypothes.is 'assignment' in Blackboard, to share a pdf paper or web page which can be digitally annotated. Users collaborate to highlight, comment on, and share ideas about the 'assignment' digitally.

How do I access Hypothes.is?

- To access Hypothes.is [login to Blackboard](#) and open the relevant course unit.
- Locate your Hypothes.is link and click on the link to open the assignment.

How does Hypothes.is work?

When you open a Hypothesis 'assignment' you'll see the web page or PDF paper your instructor assigned alongside the Hypothesis sidebar.

The screenshot displays a web browser window with a Hypothes.is assignment. The main content area shows an abstract and text from a paper on synthetic organic chemistry. The left sidebar contains a table of contents for the document. The right sidebar shows a list of annotations with their text and timestamps.

You can add comments, raise questions, and post answers alongside the website/paper being reviewed.

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1. To create an annotation, select text and then select the **Quote** *Annotate* button.
2. To create a highlight (**visible only to you**), select text and then select the **Highlight** button.
3. To reply to an annotation, select the **Reply** button.

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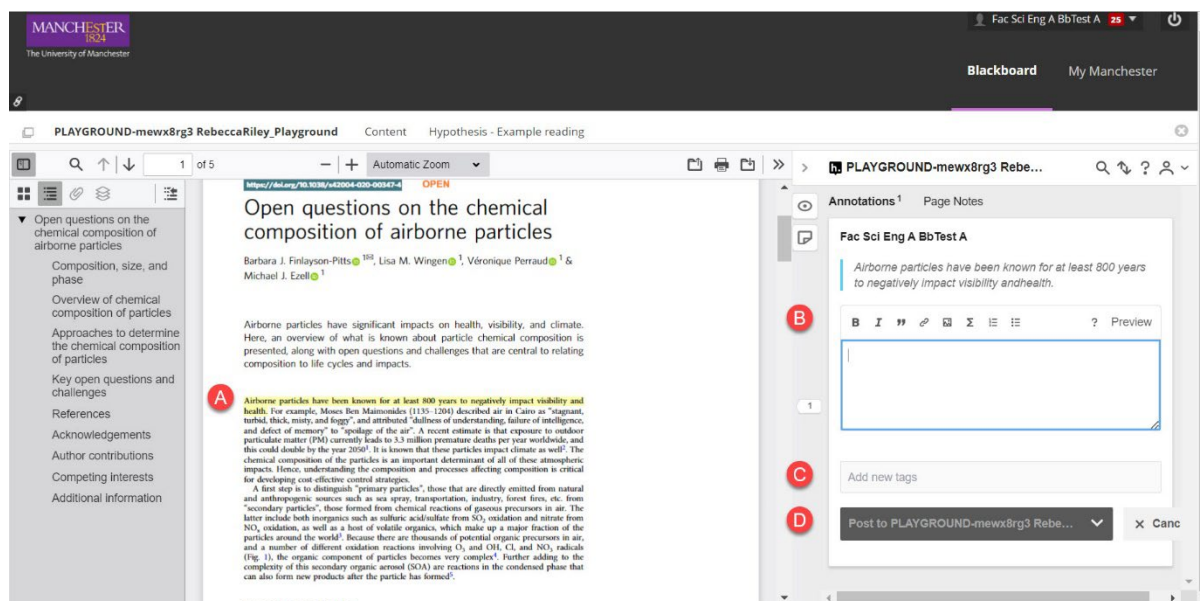
Quick steps:

To create a **Highlight** or **Annotation** click and select the text, to reveal a popup menu.

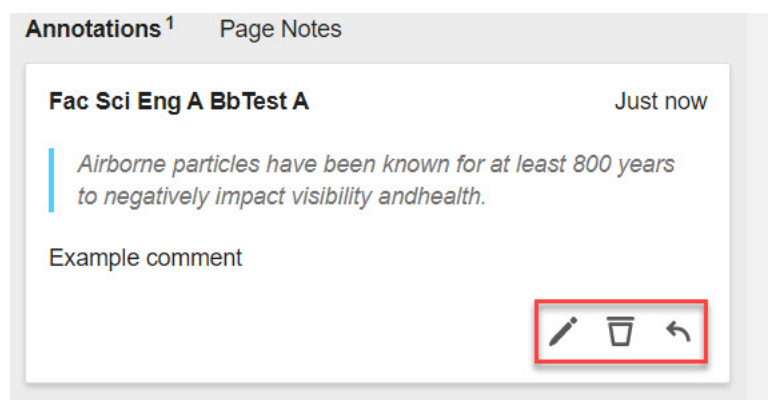
Click to choose Highlight or Annotation.
(NOTE: Highlights are only visible to the user who creates the highlight)

To add an annotation

- Click and highlight the text, select **Annotation**.
- Next, use the **annotation** text box to type your comment. You can also use the menu options to format text, [add links and images](#), [format annotations with LaTeX](#) and add basic lists (bullet points or numbered). Click **Preview** to see how your annotation will look and click **Write** to continue editing your annotation.
- Option to add tags.
- Click the post button to post the annotation.



Posted annotations will show in the Hypothes.is sidebar. Use the **pencil icon** to edit your annotation, use the **trash can icon** to delete your annotation and use the **arrow icon** to reply to comments.



Resources

You can also access an [Introduction for students guide on the Hypothes.is website](#). The guide contains brief instructions and screenshots of the key menu options in Hypothes.is