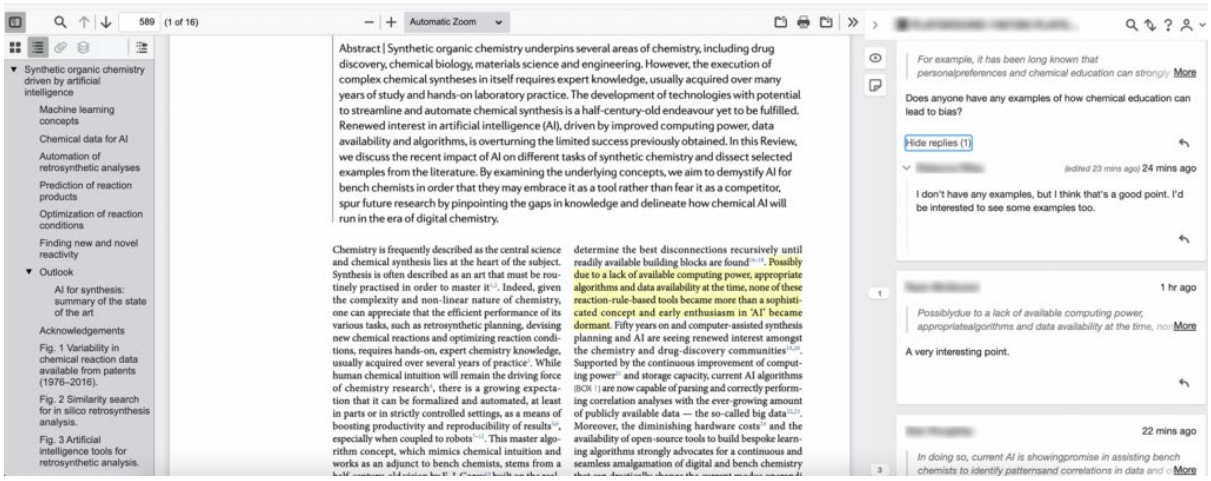
Hypothes.is is a tool which supports ‘social annotation’. Social annotation involves reading and thinking together. Staff create a Hypothes.is ‘assignment’ in Blackboard, to share a pdf paper or web page which can be digitally annotated. Users collaborate to highlight, comment on, and share ideas about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

How do I access Hypothes.is?

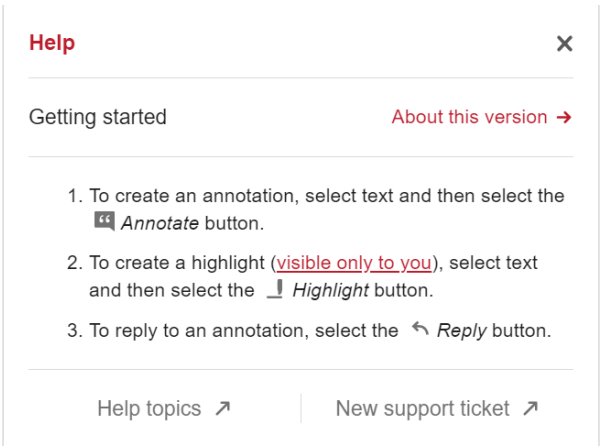
- To access Hypothes.is login to Blackboard and open the relevant course unit.
- Locate your Hypothes.is link and click on the link to open the assignment.

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.



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



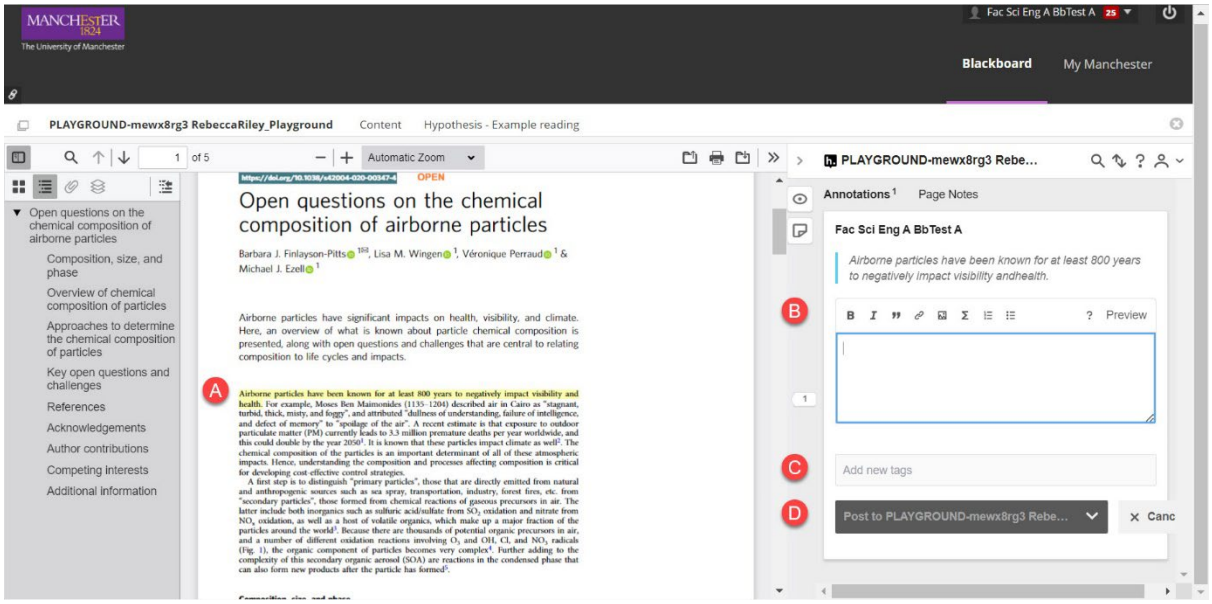
Quick steps:

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

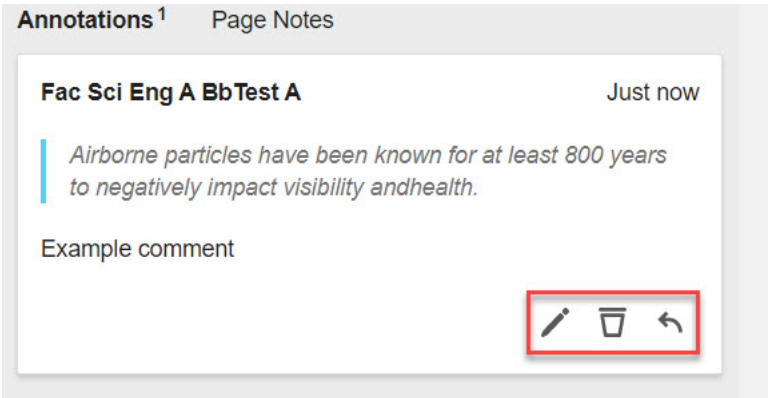
Click to choose Highlight or Annotation. (**NOTE:** Highlights are only visible to the user who creates the highlight)

To add an annotation

a) Click and highlight the text, select **Annotation.**
b) 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.
c) Option to add tags.
d) 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