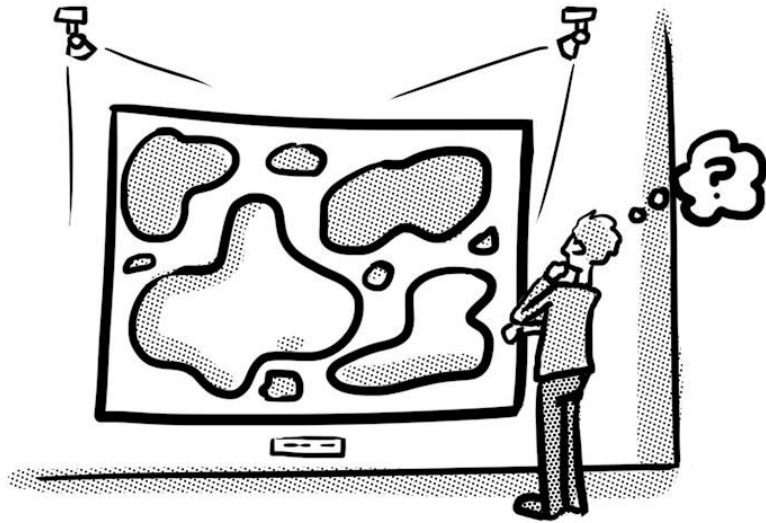# Use this as a guide for your annotations

You want to be writing purposeful annotations – you are not just filling space on you slides.

**Annotation** - what is it?

*It is a written explanation that communicates your thoughts on a piece of work. It is a critique and reflection on your work and assessing own progress throughout a project.*

**Annotation should include:**

❏ Relevant and purposeful language.

❏ A reflection on the progress you have made.

❏ Clarify what you have done and why you have done it.

❏ Analyse the success of the idea - highlight areas of strength.

❏ Address weaknesses and establish next steps.

❏ Explain links to a specific artist or designer and how they have influenced you.

❏ Explain your thoughts about an idea and the link to the theme.

❏ Acknowledge the decision-making process throughout.

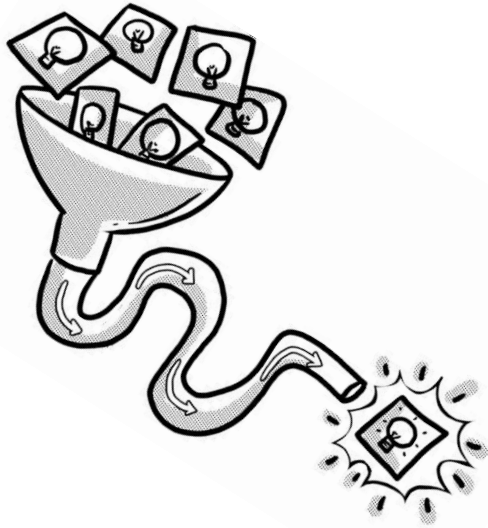❏ Use keywords and terminology that communicate your understanding.

**Select your most recent piece of work. Write an annotation answering the following questions:**

- ❑ What is it? What does it mean/symbolise? Why have you created it? What is its purpose?

- ❑ Who or what is the subject and why?

- ❑ What do you want people to think/feel or how do you want them to react when they look at it?

- ❑ What artist/s have you linked your work to? Have you connected it to a particular time, period, culture or theme? How have you documented this in your own outcome?

- ❑ What is the significance of the composition of the image/s, viewpoint/background or foreground, etc.?

- ❑ How are the formal elements used?

- ❑ What has worked well and why?

- ❑ What could be further improved or developed? How are you going to achieve this?

**Think - Pair - Share**

*TASK: Swap your annotation with your partner. You will then work through the checklist to see if they have covered all the points. Write a WWW and EBI.*

**Checklist:**

☐ Have they used relevant and purposeful language?

☐ Have they reflected on the progress they have made?

☐ Have they clarified what they have done and why they have done it?

☐ Have they analysed the success of the idea - highlighting areas of strength?

☐ Have they addressed weaknesses and established next steps?

☐ Have they explained links to a specific artist or designer and how they have influenced them?

☐ Have they explained their thoughts about an idea and the link to the theme?

☐ Have they used keywords and terminology?

**Tip:** Pick out the strengths of the annotation and be specific about what needs to be improved.