

Mrs. Guerra's Active Reader's Tool Kit

A tool kit for readers? Yes! I have these with me whenever I'm reading something I want to really, really think about or when I am studying any written material. A prepared reader is an efficient reader and a deep thinker!

Highlighters

I like simple, fine points with ink that is not too intrusive.



Fine Point Pens

I like a fine point in a bold color so that I can see it more easily later. I often use different colors for different chapters. It helps me to remember my notes.



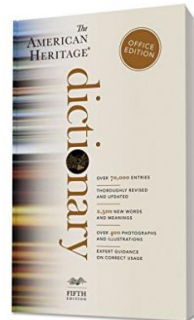
Sticky Notes

I use these sparingly so as not to get in the way of my reading experience, but there are times when I have a thought I want to express, and so I use these to write them out. This kinesthetic experience aids in recall.



Dictionary

I may be a nerd, but I don't care. I have slept with a dictionary on my nightstand for the last 30 years. When I don't know a word, or when I'm unsure why or how the word is being used in that context, I look it up. This practice has reaped a harvest of verbal literacy and will make you the envy of all trivia game, *Jeopardy* tournament or *Scrabble* players! I always purchase an *American Heritage* dictionary. I have a paperback as well as a hardback (giant!) version.



Wikipedia/Google

When I'm reading anything having to do with politics, history, or science, I always have my little tablet ready to look up people, places, and events. Glossing over things I don't know puts me at a disadvantage for the rest of the book and stunts the growth I'm after.