

Highlighting

Suggested Year Levels: Middle School – High School

When to use: During class, researching, taking notes, studying

Background: Many students confuse highlighting with colouring in. Here are some strategies to help students learn that highlighting is used to emphasis key words or terms.

Materials:

- Highlighter
- Piece of Text

Activities / Procedures

1. Teacher Model: At beginning of activity involving summarising, model how you would highlight a piece of text. This could be on an overhead transparency or on interactive whiteboard
2. Hit the number: Give students a passage to highlight key information. Tell them the specific number of words to highlight. When finished, get students to discuss why they chose certain words