6 Steps of Annotating

When annotating, complete all of these steps in the margins of the text:

1. Circle and define any unknown words.
2. Summarize each section/stanza.
3. Underline/highlight key phrases.
4. Note word patterns, repetitions, point of view, or anything else that strikes you as confusing or important (label literary/rhetorical devices).
5. Write down questions (at least 3).
6. Determine the overall theme(s), remembering that themes CANNOT be one word.