How collaborative reading can **work for you**

1. It allows you to **develop your thinking** about a topic by working together.

2. It helps you to **access different perspectives** on the subject matter because you can see what others think and comment on or respond to them.

3. **It deepens your understanding** of the material because by writing annotations for others to read you think about the text more. It also helps you to stay focused and allows you to ask questions.

4. It enables you and your fellow students to generate a **shared bank of resources and notes** that you can return to later, for assignments or revision.

5. It can develop your **interpersonal and communication skills,** reducing feelings of isolation.

"It is particularly useful to share your thoughts because it means you are practising writing concise answers and trying to neatly summarise your thoughts. Moreover, you have something that can be challenged or developed by the other students. Again, it is useful to see what other students think because it exposes you to other ideas or thoughts that you hadn't considered."

(3rd year History student, Royal Holloway, University of London)

"Having different views and opinions always gives you a better look at something you may not have seen, and considering you are all in the same boat it's good to tackle challenges together as it makes you more confident in the work you are doing."

(2nd year Business and Management student, University of Salford)

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