Using Hypothesis

Hypothesis is a social annotation tool (read more online at https://web.hypothes.is/about/). LiC has incorporated a native layer of Hypothesis into the application, so no browser extensions need to be downloaded and installed. All users, however, must create Hypothesis accounts here: https://hypothes.is/signup. Signup may also be accomplished in the Hypothesis panel inside LiC (use the "Sign up" link instead of "Log in"). This account information will be used when logging in to the Hypothesis layer in LiC. **It is strongly recommended that you work within a group if you're using Hypothesis for social annotation.**

## Hypothesis Annotations vs Edition Annotations

Any annotation done via Hypothesis, whether as part of a group, privately, or publicly, will only be visible when a Hypothesis user has logged on to Hypothesis. Annotations that pop up from a click *inside the digital edition* are hard-coded into the XML, and are not created through Hypothesis.

To Log In (or Sign Up)

Open the right-hand side Hypothesis panel using the **< icon**.
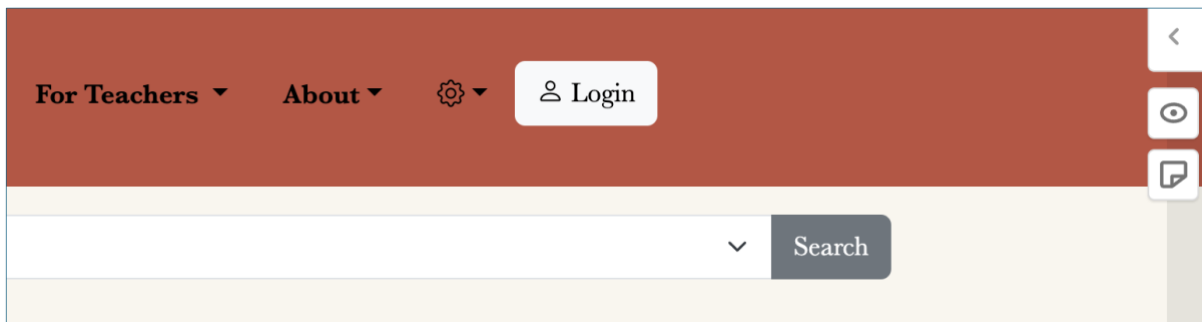
If you do not already have an account, click "Sign up." If you have an account, click "Log in."
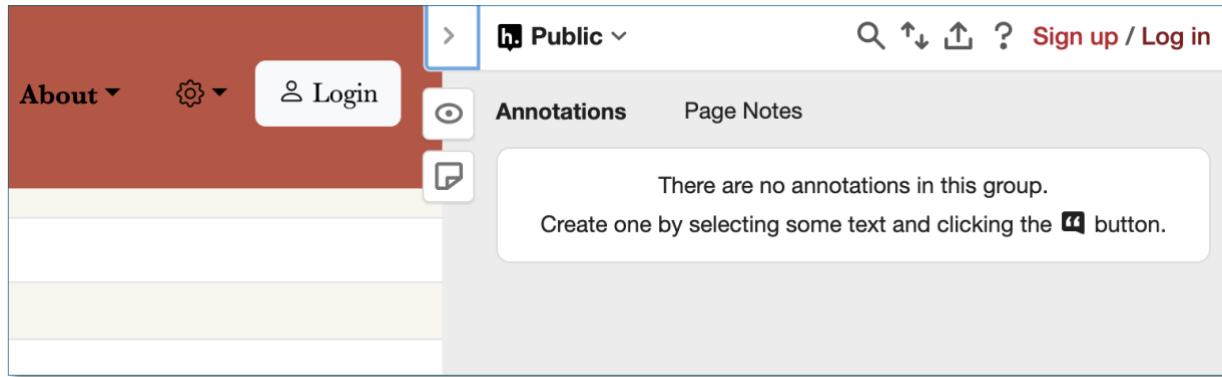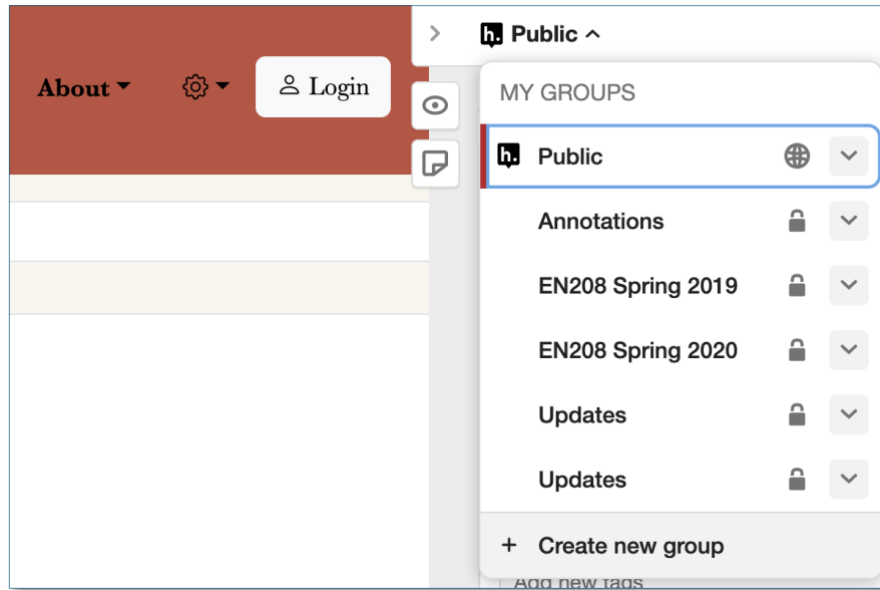
Then follow the login prompt:

To Create a Group

Working within a private group is preferred. You can create private classroom groups to organize student or group work. Once logged in, click the Public menu. That will open a list of your groups. Click "+ Create new group":
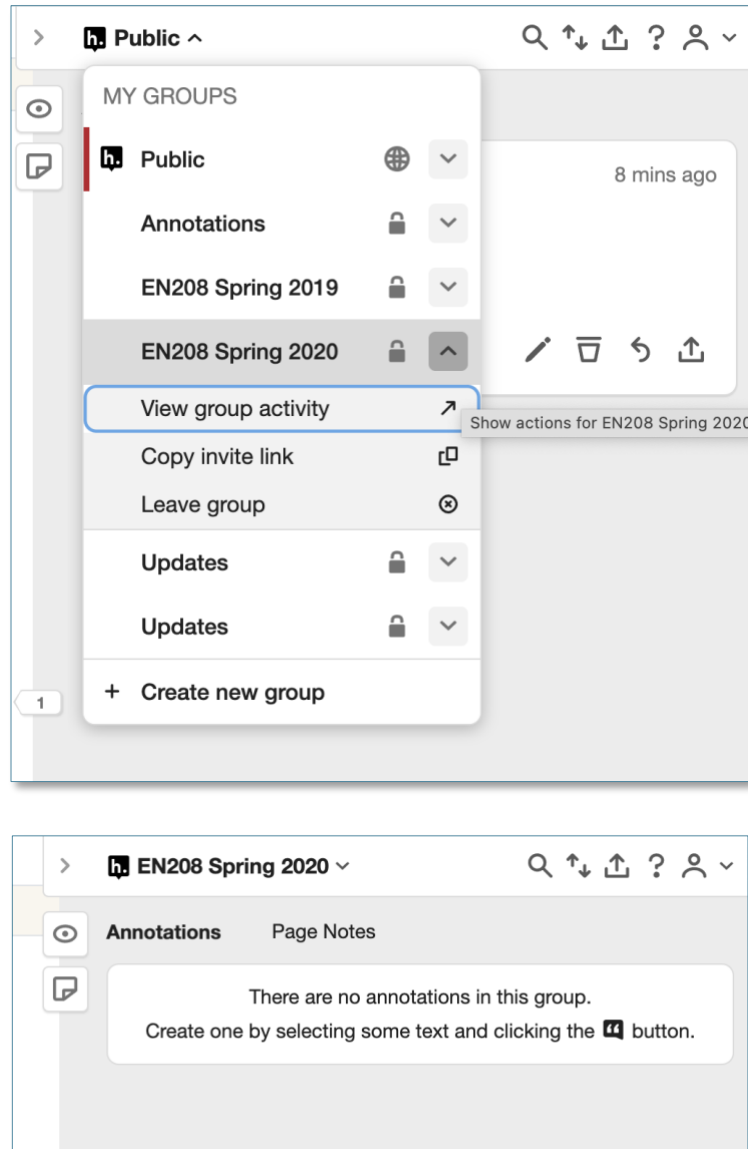
This will take you to a page where you create your private group.


To Add an Annotation to a Group

Once your group is created, it will become available for selection in LiC. Click the "Public" dropdown, and then select the group you want to work in. Notice that the group name will replace "Public":

Now, any annotations you make can be posted to that private group.

To Add an Annotation

You must be logged in to add an annotation. Highlight a portion of the text you wish to annotate by using your mouse to select the portion of text. The Hypothesis annotation menu will appear. Note that you can annotate or highlight:
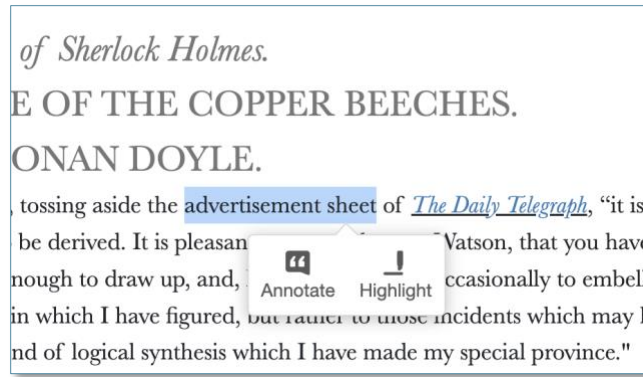
Click "annotate" (or "highlight", depending on your interests). The Hypothesis panel on the right side of the screen will slide open. Add the content of your annotation in the comment box.

Post Your Annotation

Add content to the comment area. Once content has been added to your annotation, the post button will become available. Be sure to post to Private by selecting the post dropdown and selecting "Only Me." **Or, post to a group, which will become available after you make that group active.**
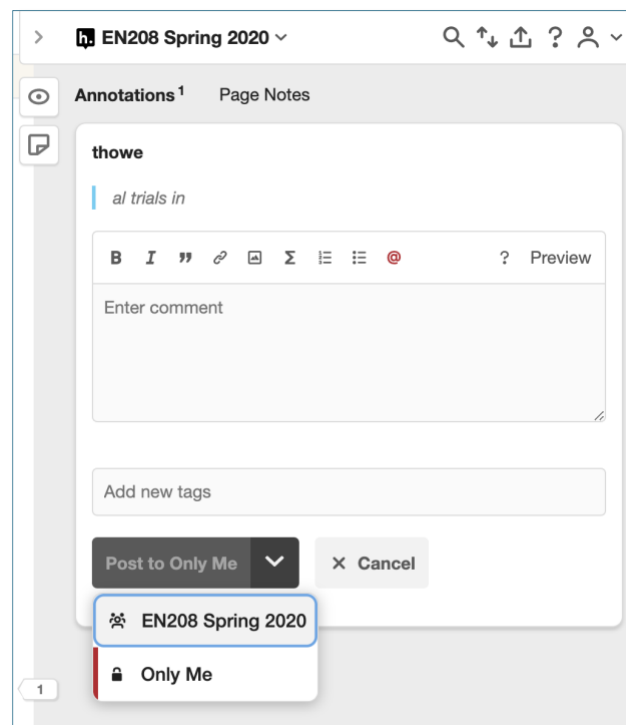
When the button is available (it will darken and become clickable), click it. Note that you can also post to a group that you've activated by selecting that group to post to. Once you click the post button, your annotation is saved in whatever area you've selected.

To Reply, Edit, or Delete an Annotation

Only the poster can edit or delete, but anyone in the group the annotation is posted to can reply. Public posts will be truly public.

Edit, Delete, or Reply to a Hypothesis annotation by clicking the relevant icon below the annotation: