Annotating a Short Story/Poem

1. Read the story!!!!
2. Highlight any words that you don’t know--define them!
3. Circle any characters that you find
4. Underline important descriptions of characters/character traits
5. Recognize and label literary devices
6. Make connections to other texts
7. Write down a couple of themes
   1. Remember that themes are messages that the audience can relate to
8. Reread the story about 2 or 3 times to ensure proper comprehension