Tip # 16 – The TEASys at one Glance

By using the [Tübingen Explanatory Annotation System](#), we aim at providing annotations that are helpful for the **highest possible number of readers**. They should be able to choose **how much information** and also **what kind** of information they wish to receive. For this, we have developed the **Levels** and **Category** system:

A) Levels

With our system, readers may choose how much they want to read/ where to start reading in accordance with their demands and interests.
Each annotation can have three levels; but not every annotation needs to have three levels. The minimum is one.

Level 1: basic information for text comprehension
Level 2: further information, based on information presented on level 1
Level 3: more advanced information, based on information presented on levels 1 and 2

B) Categories

On our website, it is possible to **filter** annotations by category. Each level is subdivided into one or several categories. There are eight different categories of annotation:

1) Language: explains the meaning of words and phrases (e.g. archaic words, ambiguity, idioms)
2) Form: draws attention to the literariness of the text (e.g. poetic devices, rhyme scheme, narrative structure)
3) Intratextualiy: analyses the relation of a word/passage to the rest of the primary text (e.g. motifs, repetitions, foreshadowing)
4) Intertextuality: identifies and analyses a text's references to other texts and works of art
5) Context: background information on Cultural, historical, biographical, political, religious, philosophical, scientific, etc. context
6) Interpretation: draws conclusions from other categories concerning the meaning of a word/passage/ text
7) Textual Variants: differences between versions of the primary text
8) Questions: documents or problems and the sources we have already consulted in order to solve them; encourages readers to contribute their findings