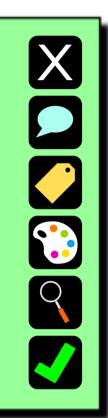# eMargin

We are developing a web-based system to allow students to annotate electronic texts and share their annotations with one another, online and in the classroom.
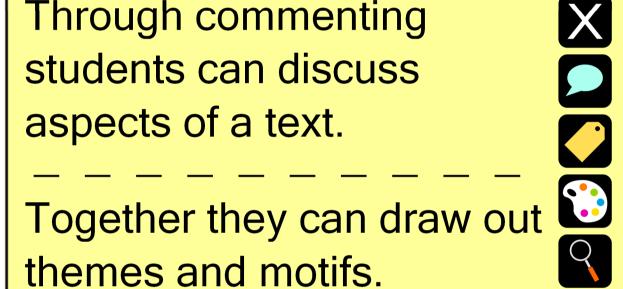
Digital equivalent of hand-written notes in the margin

eMargin will support 'close reading': the examination, interpretation and analysis of short extracts of a text down to word level.

In the first instance, we are focusing on the study of English Literature, but we believe that eMargin can be of use in a wide range of academic disciplines. One of our aims is to explore its wider applicability in HE, FE and beyond.

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Annotations (just like this one) can be created by adding highlights, comments and Web 2.0 'tags' to the text.

Through commenting students can discuss aspects of a text.
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Together they can draw out themes and motifs.
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We think this previously solitary practice can become collaborative.

We also envision eMargin's use in distance learning and text-based research. We'll be looking for more ideas and collaborations as the project progresses...

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