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If you often study from PDF files, it is easy to highlight some important part of text from PDF. You may want to extract the highlights from the pdf that you have been reading and do a fast recap of important concept before the exam.

Actually extracting highlighted text from pdf files can actually be useful for a lot of things, including writing, instructions, departmentalization, segmentations, and can help groups focus on what is important on a long document.

There are different ways to extracting highlighted text, but here I will introduce the most effective pdf highlight extractors free and paid one so that you can pick up the one fit you the best.

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- [Extract highlighted text from pdf on Windows/Mac](#)

Extract highlight from pdf online

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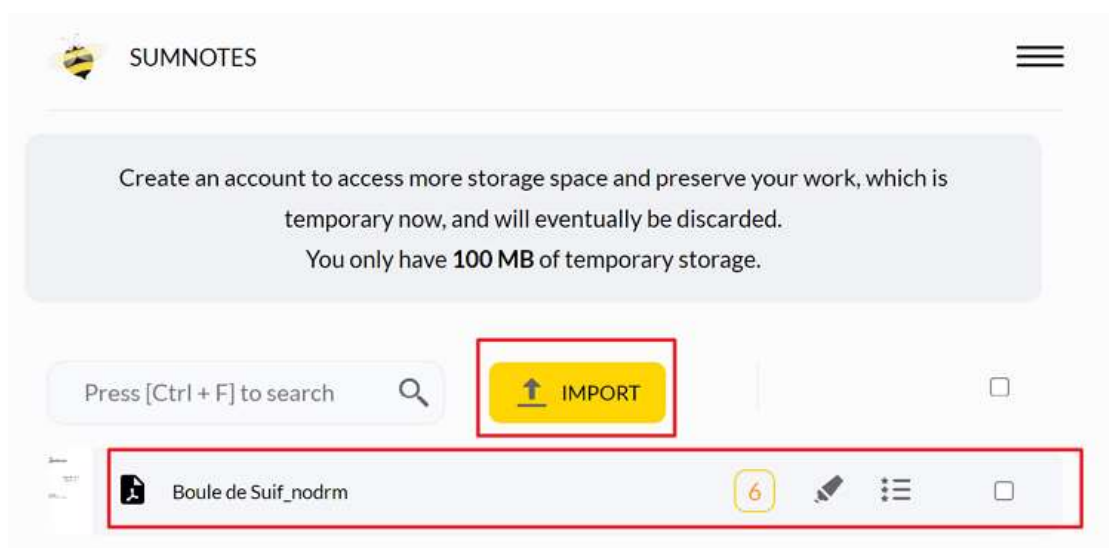
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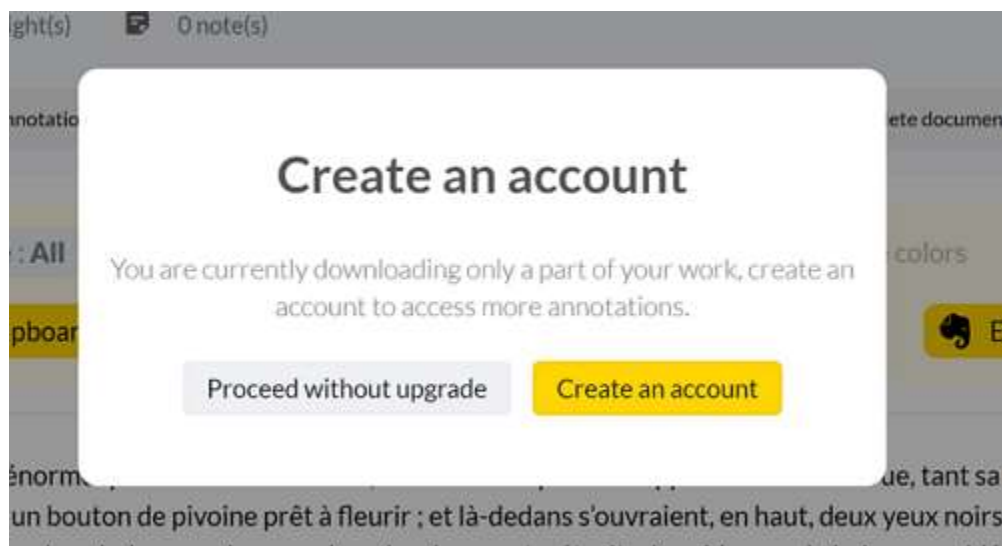
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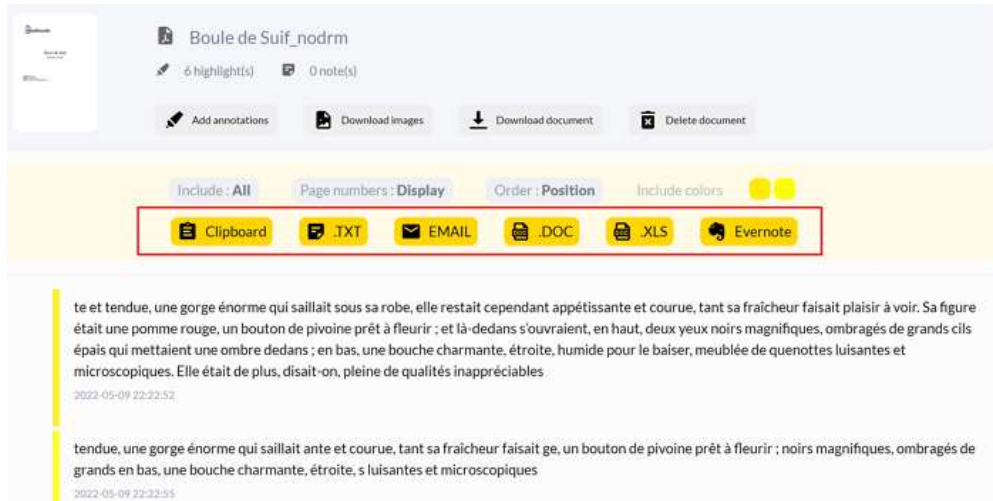
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It is easy to get your pdf highlighted text downloaded to your computer.

Pros

- Free online tool.
- No installation necessary.
- Allows you to load annotations from Amazon kindle and Instapaper.

Cons

- The free version is limited to 50 annotations. To access unlimited number of annotations, Pro version is required.
- Registration is requested.

Extract highlighted text from pdf on Windows/Mac

The online pdf extractor is easy to use, but it is not real free tool. If you have many pdf files with a large number of highlights to export, online pdf highlights extractor is not a good choice. I know some free tools for Windows and Mac that can help you export highlighted text from pdf effectively.

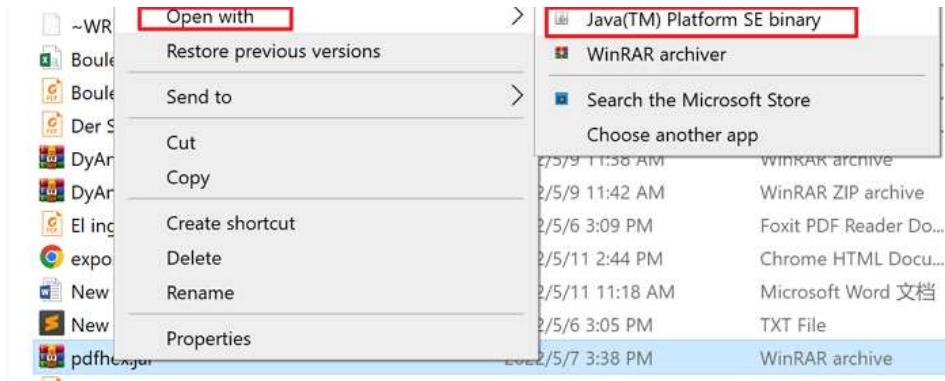
Tool 1 PDF Highlights Extractor

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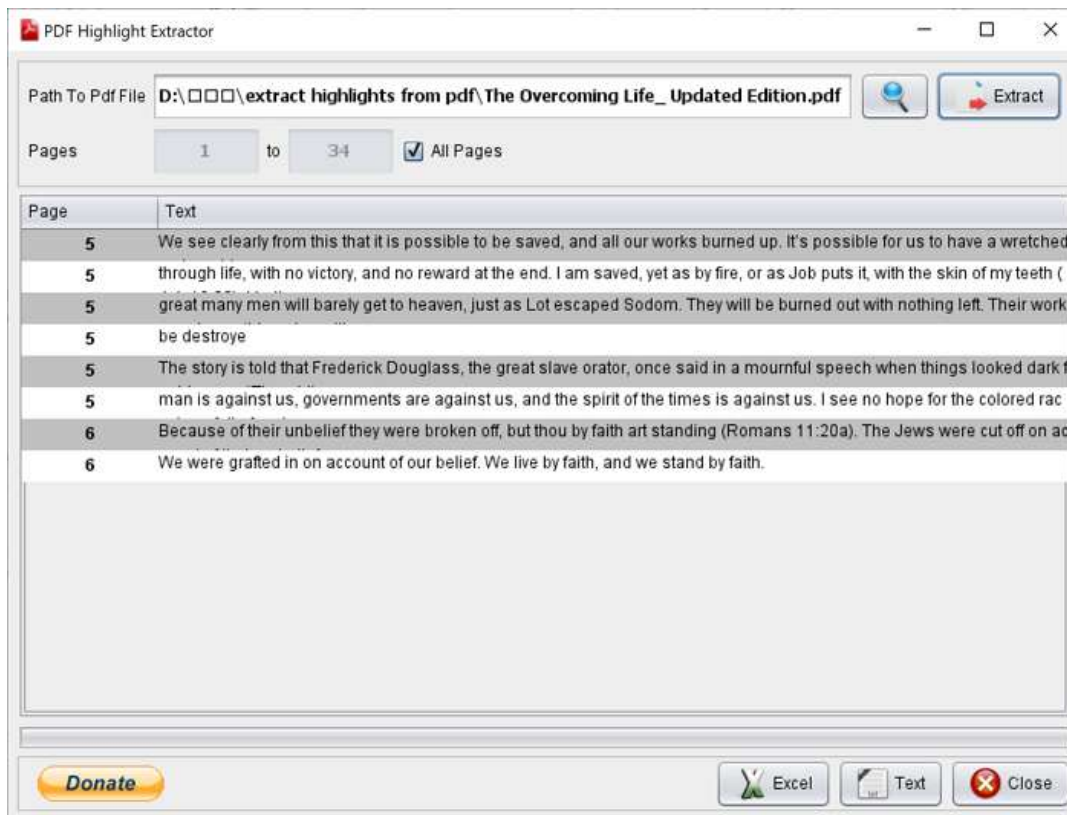
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2 Right click pdfhex.jar file and open with Java.



3 Search and load your PDF files and then click on “Extract” to show all your pdf highlights.



Finally, choose “Excel” or “Text” as the output format. And you will get your pdf highlighted text now as below.

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our works burned up. It's possible for us to have a wretched,
miserable voyage
2 through life, with no victory, and no reward at the end. I am saved,
yet as by fire, or as Job puts it, with the skin of my teeth (Job
19:20). I believe a
3 great many men will barely get to heaven, just as Lot escaped Sodom.
They will be burned out with nothing left. Their works and
everything else will
4 be destroye
5 The story is told that Frederick Douglass, the great slave orator,
once said in a mournful speech when things looked dark for his race,
°The white
6 man is against us, governments are against us, and the spirit of the
times is against us. I see no hope for the colored race. I am full
of sadness.
7 Because of their unbelief they were broken off, but thou by faith
art standing (Romans 11:20a). The Jews were cut off on account of
their unbelief.
8 We were grafted in on account of our belief. We live by faith, and
we stand by faith.
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Pros

- It is a free software.
- No registration requirement.

Cons

- If your pdf content is not in English, the extracted highlights may contain digital gibberish.

Tool 2 DyAnnotationExtractor

DyAnnotation Extractor is another free PDF highlights and comments extractor. Different from other software, it doesn't have interface. It is a command-line software. However, if you follow my steps, you can still get your pdf highlights exported.

- 1 Download DyAnnotationExtractor to your computer. Please download this file [DyAnnotationExtractor-1.4-dist.zip](#) and unzip it.

1.4 - Maintenance release

Latest

- Upgraded third party dependency libraries.

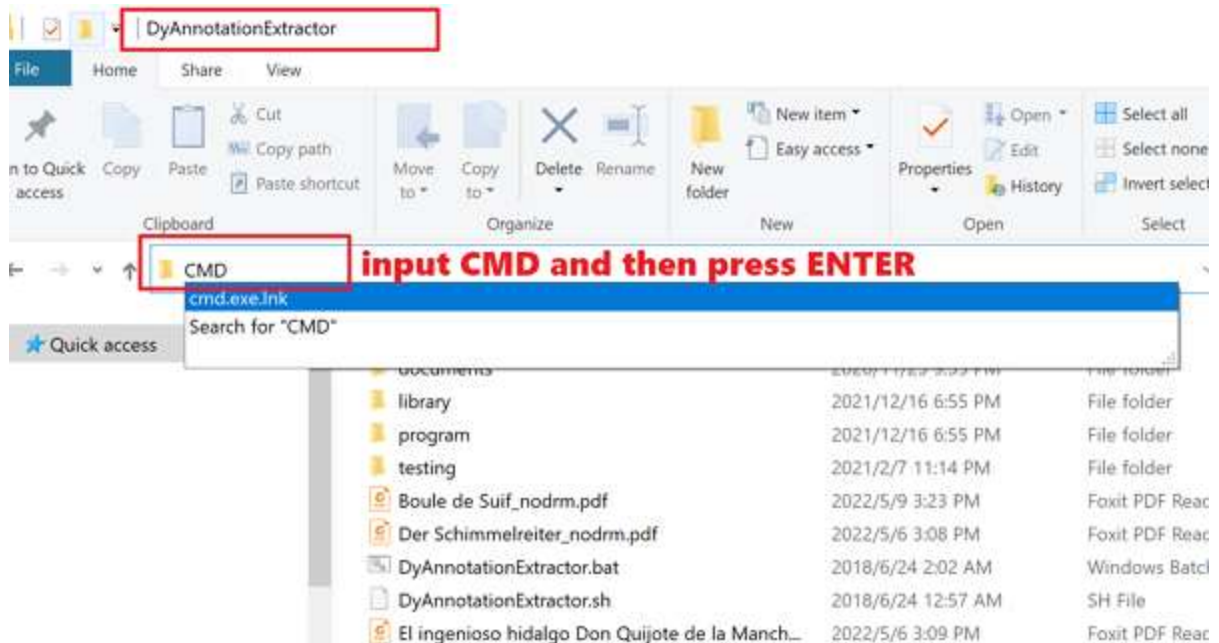
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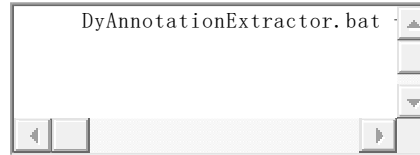
3 Open Command Prompt window in the folder that you extracted this software. To do this, just click the address bar to select the current path, enter CMD, and press Enter.



4 When CMD window is opened, drag *DyAnnotationExtractor.bat* file to it and then input command including the path of input PDF, output command, and

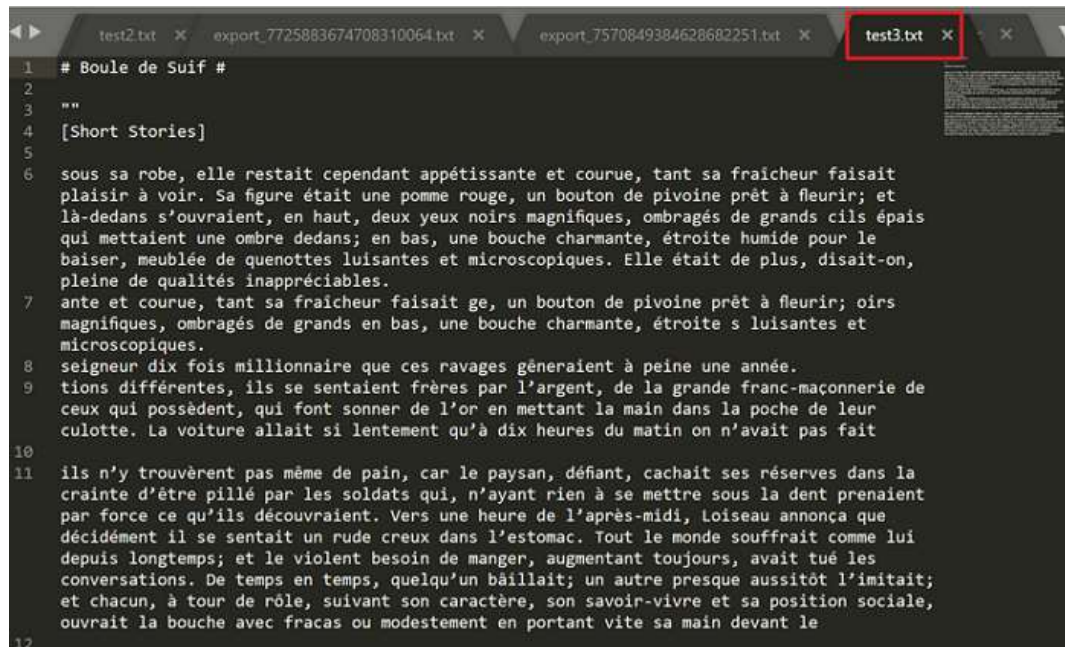
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Reading input document: 'Boule de Suif nodrm.pdf'
Annotations extracted to: 'test3.txt'
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Check your exported pdf highlights now.



Pros

- No need to install any software.
- It is completely free.
- The exported content is very good, not unrecognizable code.

Cons

- It has no interface, you should use command line.

Tool 3 Foxit PDF Reader

Foxit PDF Reader is one of the best pdf reader that allows you to view, annotate, fill form, sign pdf and even export pdf highlights. So if you are looking for a multiple-featured pdf reader, Foxit PDF Reader is definitely a good choice.

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1 Download and install [Foxit PDF Reader](#).

2 Launch Foxit PDF Reader and then open the pdf file with it. Then click “Comment”, and find export icon. Click the down-arrow besides it to show more options. Choose “Highlighted Text” to export all your pdf highlighted text.



3 Your PDF highlights will be exported as .csv format.



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Pros

- It is easy to use.
- More than exporting highlights and comments, you can also read, annotate and sign with this software.

Cons

- It is a paid software with free trial version.

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