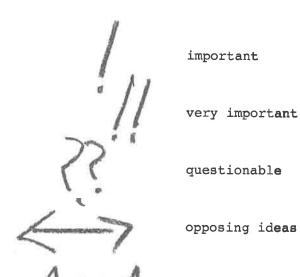
How to write in a book

For the most part, books are containers for data & information, and as such they are not sacred items to be worshiped, but instead things to be actively used. By actively reading (and writing in) books, a person can not only get more out of their reading, but a person can add value to the material as well as enable themselves to review the material quickly.

Here is a list of possible techniques to use in an active reading process. Each assumes you have a pencil or pen, and you "draw" symbols to annote the text:

a definition; the definition my be far away from the thing defined an item of interest main idea the name of something main name of something denotes the idea of "not" a footnote another footnote a third footnote some sort of quote, citation, or address such as a URL example money numbers interesting



They symbols listed above are only guidelines. Create your own symbols, but use the sparingly. The goal is to bring out the most salient points of a text, identify declarative sentences, add value, and make judgements, but not diagram each & every item.

contradictory ideas

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