
Cheat Sheet: *Reading Carefully*

A webinar with Andrew Kern & Sarah Mackenzie

Notes:

The Reading Sequence:

1. Scan it for overall structure. Note how many pages it has, how long the chapters are, and what it's going to require of you.
2. Do a quick scan, trying to get a feel for the kind of book it is, noting things like character names and other important bits that will be helpful to know while you're reading.
3. Scan for pinks (see below).
4. Scan for greens (see below; this takes a bit longer than the pinks)
5. Now, read the book with your yellow highlighter.

1. Highlighting System

- **Blue** = Anything that struck you
- **Pink** = Names, dates, and other references
- **Green** = Structure (metadiscourse- words like first, second, etc, and any questions that are asked in the text)
- **Yellow** = Flow of thought (main action)
- **Orange** = Anything you disagree with (Andrew didn't get to this in the webinar, but explained it to me afterward)

2. Notable quotes from Andrew Kern

"You read to get answers to your questions."

"You will enjoy reading more if you ask good questions."

"Your house is not messy; it's living."

"The only way to be free is to know your purpose."

"As the ink flows across the page, your personality flows out, too."
