

Marking Your Textbook and Your Notes

- **Circle** unfamiliar words or concepts
- Mark definitions by underlining or with an asterisk***
- Color Code
- Write summary words in the margin
- Number lists¹, cause and effects², and reasons³
- Bracket important [passages, ideas, and concepts]
- Draw arrows and/or diagrams to clarify information or show a relationship
- Make notes to yourself “this is important, RR
- Write connections to the text in margins, “This reminds me of...”, “I wonder...”
- Write questions about text in margin “What is the similarity to mRNA?”
- Put question marks next to confusing text “???” Ask professor
- Develop your own system of marking and shorthand and stay consistent
 - Ex----example
 - Sum---summary
 - RR---reread
 - Def---definition

