Annotation Symbols

While reading, annotate your text using the symbols below

? Use a question mark if something you read raises a question in your mind or is confusing.

* Use a star near something you read that seems important or key to the main idea.

O Circle unfamiliar or confusing words.

✓ Use a check mark when the text confirms something you already know, or you agree with.

! Use an exclamation mark when something you read is exciting or surprising.

∞ Use the chain symbol to make text-to-text, text-to-world, or text-to-self connections.

--- Underline details that support the main idea.

X Use an X when you read something that contradicts your prediction, or what you believe.

Remember to write notes in the margins to show your thinking!