

## The Color-Coding Underlining Process

The main value of color-coded underlining is when you decide to review chapters for an exam, you can read and review just the color coding and not find it necessary to reread all the chapters. Color-coding makes visually clear the important information expected for mastery on examinations. Color-coding, used in conjunction with SQ3R techniques, can be an extremely useful tool for learning.

Three different colors of highlighting are suggested for color-coded underlining. For this example, green, pink, and yellow will be used. With green, highlight the vocabulary words and important terms. With pink, highlight in-text or in-note definitions of these terms. With yellow, highlight facts, names, dates, other important information, and topic sentences. A sample marking system would be:

- Green - vocabulary terms
- Pink - definitions
- Yellow - facts, dates, topic sentences

After the text has been color-coded, use the color-coded information during the Recite and Review steps of the SQ3R process.