Common Errors and Proofreader Marks

I. Common Proofreader's marks

capitalize ⟨cap⟩ ∽ ≡   homer's *Iliad*

close up space ⌒   lack there of

delete ℇ   takingℊ the ~~the~~ bus

indent ⟂   ⟂The beginning of Plato's *Gorgias* raises the…

insert ∧   the lak of energy

insert apostrophe ⱽ   Aristophanes *Birds*

insert colon ∧   ingredients milk, eggs, butter

insert comma ⟅   it was not however the case that

insert period ⊙ ∽ ∧   at the same time Later that day,

insert quotation mark ⱽ   "the end of the world, as he put it.

insert semi-colon ∧   that he was not to blame however, later his son

insert space #   the thing is that we love cheese

invert ∩∪   Socrates said that he gladly would come

leave as is (*stet*) ….   the Greeks cheese

lower case lc   the Greeks were not afraid of War.

new paragraph ¶

II. Common Errors & Their Corrections with Proofreader's marks

awkward wording awk   the god-centered devotional intention structures

colloquialism col   the *Iliad* is totally awesome

comma splice cs   Tom read the novel, David saw the movie.

concord of tenses +   the Greeks loved cheese and they always buy it

dangling modifier dgl   (Without any sleep,) my papers get worse.

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faulty logic or argument *log*	Either Achilles or Agamemnon is right; since Athena stops Achilles, Agamemnon must therefore be right. *log*
italicize *ital*	Homer's <u>Iliad</u> is about Achilles' anger *ital*
meaning unclear ?	Achilles' retrograded charioteering ?
misleading syntax *syn*	[We should come early] is good. *syn*
missing object *ob?*	When he saw Maximus, he killed. *ob?*
misspelled word *sp*	Vice is (profitible) for bad people. *sp*
misplaced apostrophe	the polis has it's problems, and Aristophanes Birds...
misplaced modifier	Achilles kills nearly Agamemnon in the *Iliad*
no reference cited *ref* or *cit*	"Kill them all," is his response. So this... *ref*
non sequitur *ns*	Tom has no money; therefore, he should get a dog. *ns*
poor word choice *wc*	Oedipus' suffrage teaches us about hubris. *wc*
redundant *red*	the taking and seizure of the treasure *red*
run-on sentence *R-O*	Each of these seeming departures from the subject of rhetoric directly addressed in the first argument is actually a process by which Socrates creates more demanding counterpoints and in terms of points of reference that grow progressively more remote from his own and therefore constitutes a major element in his attack.
sentence fragment *frag*	Nobody volunteered. Not even their relatives. *frag*
subject-verb agreement *agr* or *s/v*	We is all capable of terrible things. *s/v*
tautology *taut*	Power is powerful, and so difficult to resist. *taut*
transition needed *trans*	...Socrates' earlier speech. Roman law recognizes *trans*
ungrammatical construction *gr*	matters concerning morals by one should live *gr*
wrong verb form *vf*	he should have ran away

III. Miscellaneous

generalizing plural: a person must not forget their values

homophonous misspellings:

      could of for *could have*

      it's for *its* (and vice versa)

      lead for *led* (past tense of *to lead*)

      should of for *should have*

      there for *their* or *they're*

      then for *than* (as in *better than*)

      to for *too* or *two*

      your for *you're*