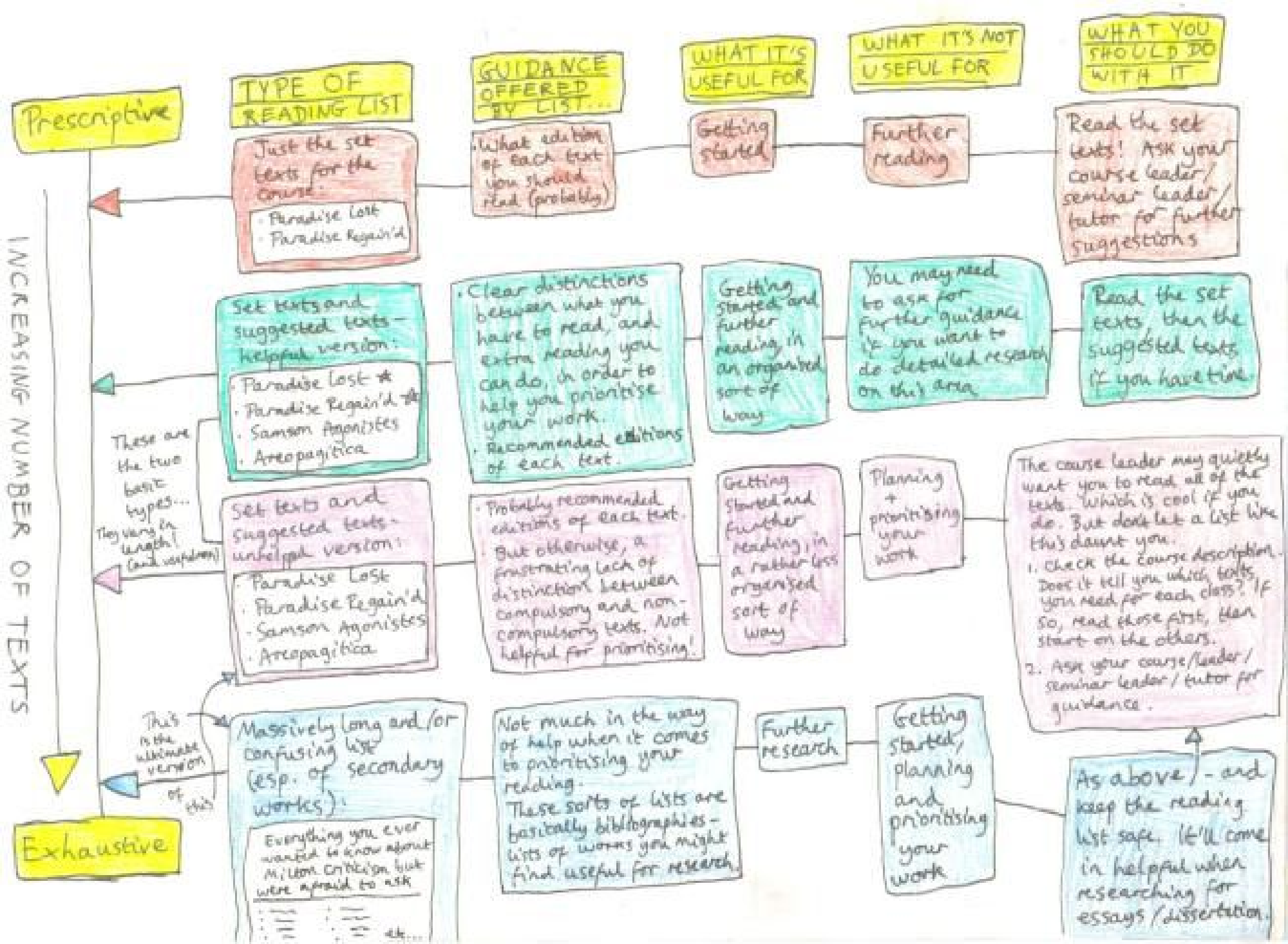
Prescriptive
INCREASING NUMBER OF TEXTS
Exhaustive
TYPE OF READING LIST
GUIDANCE OFFERED BY LIST...
WHAT IT'S USEFUL FOR
WHAT IT'S NOT USEFUL FOR
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO WITH IT
Just the set texts for the course:
· Paradise Lost
· Paradise Regain'd
· What edition of each text you should read (probably)
Getting started
Further reading
Read the set texts! Ask your course leader/ seminar leader/ tutor for further suggestions
Set texts and suggested texts - helpful version:
· Paradise Lost ★
· Paradise Regain'd ★
· Samson Agonistes
· Areopagitica
· Clear distinctions between what you have to read, and extra reading you can do, in order to help you prioritise your work.
· Recommended editions of each text.
Getting started and further reading, in an organised sort of way
You may need to ask for further guidance if you want to do detailed research on this area
Read the set texts, then the suggested texts if you have time.
These are the two basic types...
They vary in length! (and usefulness)
Set texts and suggested texts - unhelpful version:
· Paradise Lost
· Paradise Regain'd
· Samson Agonistes
· Areopagitica
· Probably recommended editions of each text.
· But otherwise, a frustrating lack of distinction between compulsory and non-compulsory texts. Not helpful for prioritising!
Getting started and further reading, in a rather less organised sort of way
Planning + prioritising your work
The course leader may quickly want you to read all of the texts. Which is cool if you do. But don't let a list like this daunt you.
1. Check the course description. Does it tell you which texts you need for each class? If so, read those first, then start on the others.
2. Ask your course/leader/ seminar leader/ tutor for guidance.
This is the ultimate version of this
Massively long and/or confusing list (esp. of secondary works):
Everything you ever wanted to know about Milton criticism but were afraid to ask
etc...
Not much in the way of help when it comes to prioritising your reading.
These sorts of lists are basically bibliographies - lists of works you might find useful for research.
Further research
Getting started, planning and prioritising your work
As above / - and keep the reading list safe. It'll come in helpful when researching for essays / dissertation.