

## Notice and Note Signposts

Signpost & Definition	Clues to the Signpost	Question to Ask	Literary Element it Helps us Understand
<p><b>CONTRASTS AND CONTRADICTIONS</b> A sharp contrast between what we would expect and what we observe the character doing; behavior that contradicts previous behavior or well-established patterns</p>	<p>A character behaves or thinks in a way we don't expect, or an element of a setting is something we would not expect.</p>	<p><b>WHY WOULD THE CHARACTER ACT OR FEEL THIS WAY?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character Development</li> <li>• Internal Conflict</li> <li>• Theme</li> <li>• Relationship between Setting and Plot</li> </ul>
<p><b>AHA MOMENT</b> A character's realization of something that shifts his actions or understanding of himself, others, or the world around him</p>	<p>Phrases, usually expressing suddenness, like: "Suddenly I understood..." "It came to me in a flash that..." "The realization hit me..." "In an instant I knew..."</p>	<p><b>HOW MIGHT THIS CHANGE THINGS?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character Development</li> <li>• Internal Conflict</li> <li>• Plot</li> </ul>
<p><b>TOUGH QUESTIONS</b> Questions a character raises that reveal his or her inner struggles</p>	<p>Phrases expressing serious doubt or confusion: "What could I possibly do to..." "I couldn't imagine how I could cope with..." "How could I ever understand why she..." "Never had I been so confused about..."</p>	<p><b>WHAT DOES THIS QUESTION MAKE ME WONDER ABOUT?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal Conflict</li> <li>• Theme</li> <li>• Character Development</li> </ul>
<p><b>WORDS OF THE WISER</b> The advice or insight a wiser character, who is usually older, offers about life to the main character</p>	<p>The main character and another are usually off by themselves, in a quiet, serious moment, and the wiser figure shares his/her wisdom or advice in an effort to help the main character with a problem or a decision</p>	<p><b>WHAT'S THE LIFE LESSON AND HOW MIGHT IT AFFECT THE CHARACTER?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theme</li> <li>• Internal conflict</li> <li>• Relationship between Character and Plot</li> </ul>
<p><b>AGAIN AND AGAIN</b> Events, images, or particular words that recur over a portion of the novel</p>	<p>A word or phrase is repeated, sometimes used in an odd way, over and over in the story. An image or situation reappears several times during the course of the book.</p>	<p><b>WHY MIGHT THE AUTHOR BRING THIS UP AGAIN AND AGAIN?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plot</li> <li>• Symbolism</li> <li>• Theme</li> <li>• Character Development</li> <li>• Conflict</li> </ul>
<p><b>MEMORY MOMENT</b> A recollection by a character that interrupts the forward progress of the story</p>	<p>The ongoing flow of the narrative is interrupted by a memory that comes to the character, often taking several paragraphs to recount before we are returned to events of the present moment.</p>	<p><b>WHAT MIGHT THIS MEMORY BE IMPORTANT?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character Development</li> <li>• Plot</li> <li>• Theme</li> <li>• Relationship between Character and Plot</li> </ul>