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Notice and Note Fiction Signpost Chart

Signposts/Definitions	Clues to Spot the Signpost	Helps you to Understand	Questions to Help You Find Relevant Evidence
<p><u>Contrasts and Contradictions</u> There is great contrast between what we expect from a character and what the character does based on previous behavior.</p>	<p>A character thinks or acts differently than we expect, or an element of the setting is different than we expect.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Character development - Internal conflict - Theme - Relationship between setting and plot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What character action or feeling was unexpected? • What was unexpected about the action/feeling?
<p><u>Aha Moment</u> A character's realization of something that shifts his actions or understanding of himself, others, or the world around him.</p>	<p>Phrases that express suddenness, like: "All of a sudden, it hit me..." "Suddenly, I understood..." "The realization hit me..." "In an instant, I knew..."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Character development - Plot - Internal conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why was this moment important to the character? • What realization came to the character's mind? • How was this realization important to the story?
<p><u>Tough questions</u> Questions a character raises that reveal his or her inner struggles</p>	<p>Phrases that express serious doubt or confusion "What could I possibly do to..." "Never had I been so confused about..." "How could I ever understand why..."</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal conflict - Theme - Character development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is this question important to the story?

<p><u>Words of the Wiser</u> The advice or insight a wiser character, who is usually older, offers about life to the main character.</p>	<p>The wiser figure shares his/her wisdom or advice in order to help the main character with a problem or decision. They are usually alone and in a quiet spot.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theme - Internal conflict - Relationship between character and plot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does this advice affect the character?
<p><u>Again and Again</u> Events, images, or particular words that recur over a portion of the novel</p>	<p>A word is repeated, sometimes used in an odd way, over and over in the story. An image reappears several times during the course of the book.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plot - Setting - Symbolism - Theme - Character development - Conflict 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you find that keeps coming up over and over again?
<p><u>Memory Moment</u> A memory from a character that interrupts the forward progress of the story.</p>	<p>The story is interrupted for a paragraph or more before we return to the present.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Character development - Plot - Theme - Relationships between character and plot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What memory came to mind? • Why do you think this memory is important to the character or to the story?

