### Signposts to look for while reading

#### Contrasts & Contradictions
When a character does something that contrasts with what you’d expect or contradicts his earlier acts or statements. **Text clue:** Author shows feelings or actions the reader hasn’t seen before & doesn’t expect. **Ask yourself:** Why is the character doing that?

#### Aha! Moment
When a character realizes, understands, or finally figures out something. **Text clue:** Characters say “I realized...” or “I suddenly knew...” or “Now I know why...” **Ask yourself:** How might this change things?

#### Tough Questions
When a character asks herself a very difficult question. **Text clue:** Character asks self or another a hard question. **Ask yourself:** What does this question make me wonder about?

#### Words of the Wiser
When a character (probably older and wiser) takes the protagonist aside and offers serious advice. **Text clue:** A wiser, often older, character offers a life lesson, usually in a quiet moment. **Ask yourself:** What is the life lesson and how might it affect the character?

#### Again & Again
When you notice a word, phrase, or situation mentioned over and over. **Text clue:** A repeated image, phrase, or reference. **Ask yourself:** Why does this keep happening again and again?

#### Memory Moment
When the author interrupts the action to tell you about a memory. **Text clue:** “I suddenly remembered...” or “I remember...” or “Thinking back...” **Ask yourself:** Why might this memory be important?

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