

NOTICE AND NOTE SIGNPOSTS



AGAIN AND AGAIN

When you're reading and you notice a word, phrase, object, or situation mentioned over and over.

"Why does this keep showing up again and again?"



WORDS OF THE WISER

When you're reading and a character (who's probably older and lots wiser) takes the main character aside and gives serious advice.

"What's the life lesson, and how might it affect the character?"



TOUGH QUESTIONS

When you're reading and the character asks himself or herself a really tough question.

"What does this question make me wonder about?"



AHA MOMENT

When you're reading and suddenly a character realizes, understands, or finally figures something out.

"How might this change things?"



CONTRASTS & CONTRADICTIONS

When you're reading and a character says or does something that's opposite what he or she has been saying or doing all along.

"Why is the character doing that?"



MEMORY MOMENT

When you're reading and the author interrupts the action to tell you a memory.

"Why might this memory be important?"

A-LEVEL ANALYSIS

HOW & WHY is the text written?



STANDOUT

When you're reading and something about the text is unusual or stands out to you.

"Why did the author write it this way?"



SYMBOLISM

When you're reading and you realize that something (usually a repeated object or animal) is representing something else.

"What does this symbolize?"



LIGHT BULB

When you're reading and you understand something or make a connection that you didn't make on your first reading.

"What do I now understand?"

"Why did the author create this connection?"



SPOTLIGHT

When you're reading and the author uses a character or situation to shine light on an important real-life topic.

"Why is the author spotlighting this topic?"

"What is the author's message about this topic?"