Bookmarks for signposts to look for when reading fiction and nonfiction:

Notice & Note Notice & Note literature Nonfiction Contrasts & Contradictions When reading keep asking yourself: What surprised me? When a character does What does the author think I already know? Something unexpected What changed, challenged or confirmed what I already knew? Ask: "Why is the character doing this?" Contrasts 4 Contradictions Aha Moment When a writer presents some When a character realizes, thing that contradicts what understands or figures something you know or think or when the writer shows sharp contrast between people, groups, or ideas Ask: "How might this change things?" Ask: "What does this make me wonder about? Absolute & Extreme Language **Tough Questions** When the author makes a statement When a character asks themselves that allows for no interpretation or questions. seems unreasonable, STOP! Ask: "Why did the author use this Ask: "What does this question make me language?" wonder?" Numbers & Stats words of the wiser when the author uses specific # When another (older/wiser) character Numbers or statistical information, cives main character advice. STOP! Ask: "Why did the author use these numbers? Ask: "What is the life lesson and how might it affect the character?" Quoted Words When the author chooses to quote Again & Again When a word, phrase or situation is Someone, STOP! Ask: "Why was this person quoted and repeated again and again. What did the quote add?" Ask: "Why does this keep happening again Word Gap: and again?" or phrase you don't know STOP Memory Moment When the author interrupts the Ask: "Does this look like a word action to tell you a memory. that's only used with this topic? Would

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Ask: "Why might this memory be

important?"

I know the word in another place? Do I

see any clues that might help me figure