

Notice & Note Fiction Signposts

Signpost	Definition	Anchor Question
Contrasts and Contradictions	When you notice a character says or does something that's the opposite (contradicts) what they have been doing.	Why is the character doing that?
Aha Moment	When you notice that a character suddenly realizes, understands, or finally figures something out.	How might this change things?
Tough Questions	When you notice that the character asks themselves a really difficult question.	What does this question make me wonder about?
Words of the Wiser	When you notice a character (probably older and wiser) takes the main character aside and offers serious advice.	What's the life lesson, and how might it affect the character?
Again and Again	When you notice a word, phrase, object, or situation mentioned over and over.	Why does this keep happening?
Memory Moment	When you notice that the author interrupts the action to tell you a memory.	Why might this memory be important?

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STRATEGIES *for* CLOSE READING

Notice & Note Nonfiction Signposts

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Contrasts and Contradictions	When the writer presents something that contradicts what you know or think, or when the writer shows you a sharp contrast between people, groups, or ideas.	What does this make me wonder about?
Extreme Language	When the author uses language that seems to exaggerate or to forbid doubts or questioning.	Why did the author use this language?
Numbers and Stats	When the author uses specific numbers, number words, amounts, and percentages.	Why did the author use these numbers?
Quoted Words	When the author chooses to quote someone (voice of authority, personal perspective).	Why was this person quoted, and what did the quote add?
Word Gaps	When an author uses a word or phrase that you do not know.	Is this word only used in this topic? Are there clues to help me figure it out?

