

Signposts Notice and Note Tracking Sheet

Memory Moment

A memory interrupts the flow of the story, but reveals something important about the character or plot.

Stop and Ask Yourself: Why might this memory be important?

Direct Quote from text	Pg. # Chapter	What memory came to the character's mind?	Why do you think this memory is important to the character or to the story?
	Pg. _____ Date: _____		

Words to the Wiser

A wiser, often older, character shares his or her experience, wisdom, or lesson about life with the main character, hoping to guide him or her through a difficult decision.

Stop and Ask Yourself: How could this advice affect the character?

Direct Quote from text	Pg. # Chapter	What advice or insight did the wiser character share?	How do you think this will affect the main character or the one who receives the advice?
	Pg. _____ Date: _____		

Tough Questions

A time when the main character asks him or herself, or someone else, a tough question (one that does not have an easy answer).

Stop and Ask Yourself: What does this tough question make me wonder about?

Direct Quote from text	Pg. # Chapter	What did you wonder about when you thought about the question?	How is this question important to the story and how do you think the character will answer it?
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Aha Moment

A character's insight or sudden understanding reveals something important about the character or plot.

Stop and Ask Yourself: Why might this realization be important?

Direct Quote from text	Pg. # Chapter	What realization came to the character's mind?	How is this realization likely to be important to the story?
	Pg. _____ Date: _____		

Contrasts and Contradictions

The character acts in a way that contradicts how he or she has acted before or that contrasts with how we would act or that reveals a difference among the characters.

Stop and Ask Yourself: Why did the character act or feel that way?

Direct Quote from text	Pg. # Chapter	What was unexpected about the action/feeling?	Why do you think the character acted/felt that way?
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Again and Again

Events, images, or particular words that reoccur over a portion of the novel.

Stop and Ask Yourself: Why might the author bring this up again and again?

Direct Quote from text	Pg. # Chapter	Why do you think the author keeps repeating this word, phrase, image, idea, or situation?	What does this Again and Again signpost lead you to think is going to happen later on?
	Pg. _____ Date: _____		