

Aha Moment:



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

Story: _____ Stop and Ask Yourself: Why might this realization be important?			
What words told you that this was going to be an Aha moment?	Pg #	What realization came to the character's mind?	How is this realization likely to be important to the story?

Again and Again:



A word, phrase, or idea is repeated, making us wonder about its significance.

Story: _____ Stop and Ask Yourself: Why might the author bring this up again and again?			
What did you find that keeps coming up over and over again?	Pg #	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?

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.

Story: _____ Stop and Ask Yourself: Why did the character act or feel that way?			
What character action or feeling was unexpected?	Pg #	What was unexpected about the action/feeling?	Why do you think the character acted/felt that way?

Tough Questions:



A time when the main character asks him or herself, or someone else, a tough question, on that doesn't have an easy answer.

Story: _____			
Stop and Ask Yourself: What does this tough question make me wonder about?			
How did you know this was going to be a Tough Question?	Pg #	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?

Words of 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.

Story: _____			
Stop and Ask Yourself: How could this advice affect the character?			
What did you see that told you this was going to be a Words-of-the-Wiser moment?	Pg #	What advice or insight did the wiser character share?	How do you think this will affect the main character or the one who received the advice?

Memory Moment:



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

Story: _____			
Stop and Ask Yourself: Why might this memory be important?			
What was happening when the character recalled the memory?	Pg #	What memory came to the character's mind?	Why do you think this memory is important to the character or to the story?

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