

Let's Learn the 6 Signposts

How will I find them?

What should I ask when I see one?

What will the signposts tell me?

Signpost #1

Write it.
Learn it.
See it.

1. LIST YOUR BEST TRAITS FROM THIS LIST:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



2. FOR EACH TRAIT ON YOUR LIST,
WRITE THE ANTONYM.

Example:

- 1. responsible (irresponsible)
- 2. organized (messy)
- 3. honest ()

QW TOPIC: CONTRADICTION OR CONTRAST

- Using one of your antonyms, write a story about a time when you behaved in a way that contrasts with who you normally are.
- P.S. Your story may be true or fictional:)

IF YOU NEED A STORY-STARTER... TRY THIS:

• Most people would say I'm pretty _____ . I usually One day, however,....

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The Signpost: **Contrast & Contradiction**

When a character does something that contrasts with what you'd expect or contradicts his or her earlier acts or statements....

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The Signpost: **Contrast/Contradiction**



STOP and ask yourself, “Why is the character doing that?”

The answer will help
you make a prediction or an
inference about the plot and **conflict**.

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The Signpost: Contrast/Contradiction

Let's watch one in
Despicable Me.
or in the short film
The Scarecrow



Signpost #2

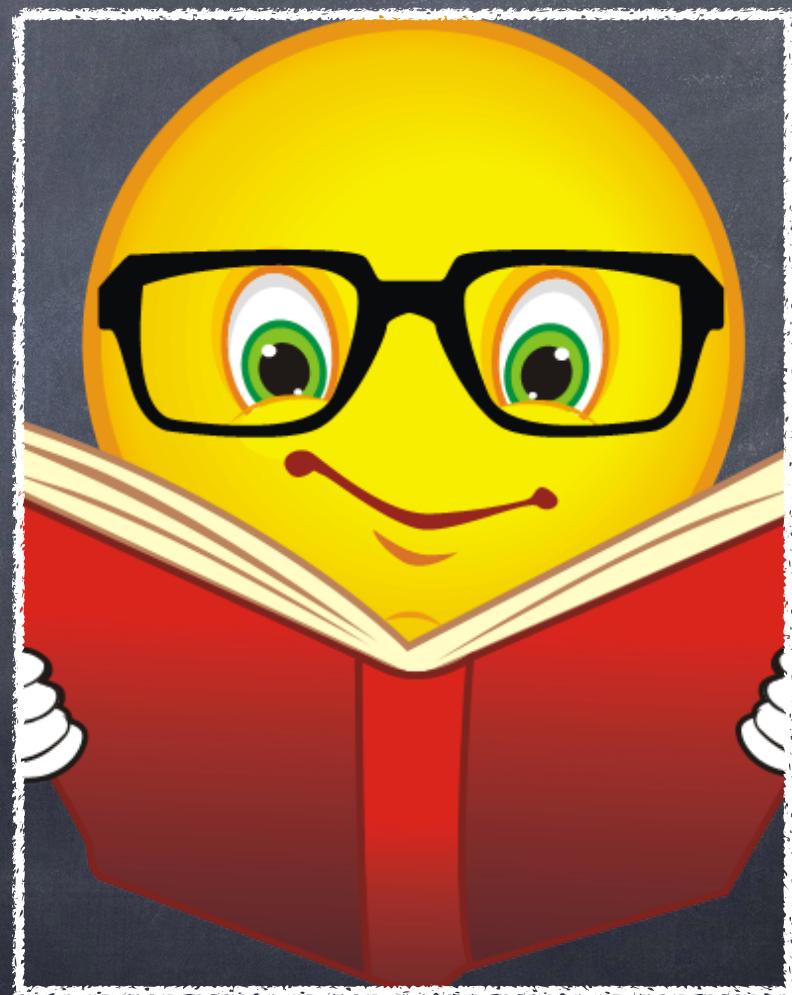
Write it.
Learn it.
See it.

QW TOPIC: CONTRADICTION OR CONTRAST

- Using one of the following story starters, imagine and write:)
 - Nobody could believe it when _____, who was usually so _____, actually said, “_____.”
_____.
 - It took _____ to bring out another side of _____. It all started when....

Good Day!

- WARM-UP: Pick up your Reading Folder AND Writer's Notebook.
- Read for 10 minutes:)



AHA MOMENT....

Tell the story of a time when a character has a realization. You could use the following story starters or make one of your own!

- Suddenly, I realized, why fit in when you are born to stand out?
- I finally understood that I am capable of more than I know.
- It came to me in a flash that you are free to choose, but you are not free from the consequence of your choice.
- I now knew that until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened.



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The Signpost: **Aha Moment**

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

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The Signpost: **Aha Moment!**

STOP and ask yourself, “How might this change things?”



If the character figured out a problem, you probably just learned about the **conflict**.

If the character understood a life lesson, you probably just learned the **theme**.

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The Signpost: **Aha Moment!**



Let's notice one happen
in this clip from Tangled!

Signpost #3

Write it.
Learn it.
See it.

ADVICE LETTER

fictional or real

Write a letter to a 100 year old person, who has a lifetime of wisdom, asking for help with a problem.

- explain how it started
- describe the details
- tell how it's making you feel
- describe the ways it's affecting your life
- request advice



ADVICE LETTER

fictional or real

Write a letter from
the 100 year old wise
person, giving
sage advice
to the letter writer.
Include a
golden nugget of life
wisdom somewhere in
your letter.



The Signpost: **Words of the Wiser**

When a character (probably older and wiser) takes the main character aside and offers serious advice...

The Signpost: Words of the Wiser



STOP and ask, “What’s the life lesson and how might it affect the character?” This lesson is probably the theme of the story.

The Signpost: Words of the Wiser



Let's notice this signpost
from Yoda
in The Empire Strikes Back.



Signpost #4

Write it.
Learn it.
See it.

TOUGH QUESTIONS....

Copy your “TOUGH QUESTION” from the card you received. Write your response to the question, taking time to speculate and describe the situation, your thoughts, feelings, and reasoning.



The Signpost: **Tough Questions**

When you are reading and the character asks him/herself a really difficult question...

The Signpost: Tough Question



STOP and ask yourself, “What does this question make me wonder about?”

The answers will tell you about the **conflict** and might give you ideas about what will happen later in the story.

The Signpost: Tough Questions



Let's watch one in a short
animation called
Cooler Self.

Signpost #5

Write it.
Learn it.
See it.

Writer's Notebook Topic: **AGAIN & AGAIN....**

Starting Strong...

* On Time?

* Ready with Materials?

* Reading the board & screen?

* Writing in your planner &
Writer's Notebook?

Make 3 lists of elements that if we were watching a movie of your life would appear “again and again”. Which elements reveal important “themes” about you, your values, or your interests?

(Copy the following lists into your Writer's Notebook:)

Items/Objects: Colors: Nature:

- | | | |
|----|----|----|
| 1. | 1. | 1. |
| 2. | 2. | 2. |
| 3. | 3. | 3. |
| 4. | 4. | 4. |
| 5. | 5. | 5. |

The Signpost: **Again & Again**

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

The Signpost: Again & Again

STOP and ask yourself, "Why does this keep showing up again and again?



The answers will tell you about **theme** and **conflict**, or they might **foreshadow** what will happen later. They also might help you notice an important symbol in the story.

The Signpost: **Again & Again**



Let's watch two film clips from
The Lion King to notice what
appears “again and again.”

Clip 1.

Clip 2.

Writer's Notebook: **MEMORY MOMENT....**

Write about a favorite memory
that helps remind you of an
important quality in yourself or in
someone special to you.

courage?
caring?
humor?
quick thinking?
patience?
perseverance?
love of animals?

Starting Strong...

* On Time?

* Ready with Materials?

* Reading the board & screen?

* Writing in your planner &
Writer's Notebook?



The Signpost: **Memory Moment**

When the author interrupts the action to tell you about a character's memory...

The Signpost: Memory Moment



STOP and ask yourself, "Why might this memory be important?"

The answers will tell you about the **theme**, **conflict**, or might **foreshadow** what will happen later in the story.

The Signpost: Memory Moment



Let's watch one in Despicable Me
and another in the short film
Shoe.

Let's Review.

Spot the 6 signposts
&
ask yourself the guiding questions
to dig deeper.

What signposts will you notice?

Contrasts & Contradictions?

Aha Moment?

Words of the Wiser?

Tough Questions?

Memory Moment?

Again & Again?

Let's watch Harry Potter and The Incredibles.

Look
for:

