**Notice and Note Handout**

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| **Signpost** | **What it Means** | **Questions & Sentence Stems** |
|  | A character’s thoughts or actions are opposite of what you would expect, or they surprise you.  An event or setting feels like it doesn’t belong. This might help you to identify the **problem** or **conflict** in the story. | What did you think would happen? How is this different from what happened?  Why did the character act or feel that way?  Why is the character doing this? |
|  | The moment when a character suddenly figures out something important that changes them or the plot. The character figures out the problem, which leads you to solve the **conflict**. The character recognizes or learns a lesson, leading you to important clues to determine the **theme**. | “{Character} now knows…”  “{Character} realized…”  “{Character} suddenly understood…”  Why might this realization be important? |
|  | When an image, word, or situation is repeated often. You begin to wonder why the author is repeating the image, word, or situation. It must be important! | What is being repeated?  Why might the author bring this up again and again?  What other details help us to understand the importance of this repeated information? |
|  | The moment when a character stops and asks themselves or someone they trust a tough question. Usually a “I wonder…” or a “Why…” type of question. These questions sometimes cannot be answered. The answers will tell you about the **conflict** in the text and might give you ideas about what **will happen next** in the story. | What does this tough question make me wonder?  How might this decision change what happens in the story? |
|  | When an older and wiser character offers a life lesson of some sort to the main character. Whatever this lesson is, might be the **theme** of the story. | What event prompted the character giving this advice?  How could this advice affect the character?  How did the main character react to the advice given? |
|  | When you read a flashback or pause in the story. The character might reflect back on a memory. These moments usually hold important information, even if it hasn’t been revealed why it is important yet. | What event triggered the memory?  Why might this memory be important?  How does the main character react to the memory? |