Using the 7 Habits to Support the Use of the Fiction Signposts
Begin With The Signposts

Comprehension Framework

- Close Reading Strategies
- Notice and Note by Kylene Beers and Robert Probst
- Using 6 clearly defined “signposts” readers did deeper
- Signposts encourage book discussion at a deeper level
Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking: The ability to take current knowledge and patterns to explore, explain, and extrapolate them to new and novel situations

- Take what you know about reading patterns and character interactions from book to book increasing the complexity of thought as the reader matures
How Do I Begin To Introduce the Signposts?

Introduce with picture books and movie clips (YouTube):

- Contrast and Contradiction
- Words of the Wiser
- Memory Moment
- Again and Again
- Aha Moment
- Tough Questions
Lists of Signposts Books are Available Online!

Pixar Short Videos that Align with Notice & Note Signposts

Contrast and Contradiction - Why would the character act (feel) this way?
“French Roast” (Reject then accept beggar) - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsQlK7D0VdU
“Geri’s Game” (Old man playing chess) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oq5gaV4ohn4
“Presto” (The Magician and the Rabbit) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1K9EH90CyA
“Sweet Cocoon” (Butterfly Metamorphosis) - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0a0aNqTehM
Or you can create your own based on your own interests and favorites!

Notice and Note Clips and Books

**Contrast and Contradiction**

Books:
- Chrysanthemum
- Frindle (Baseline before the change character traits)
- Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
- Julius Baby of the World

**Aha Moment**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUuqSKPG_3M&index=2&list=PL3-b1oGTKyNERwvRM_SA-V6XmAovkP0Xt
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UhPmdUixve4
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hbxchBVrsDw
Videos

Lion King
Kung Fu Panda
Karate Kid (2010)
When you take a journey through a book, don't forget to stop at any Notice and Note signposts.
Notice & Note

Sign Posts

Contrasts & Contradictions
→ Why is the character doing that?

Aha Moment
→ How might this change things?

Tough Questions
→ What does this question make me wonder about?

Words of the Wiser
→ What’s the life lesson, and how might it affect the character?

Again & again
→ Why does this show up again and again?

Memory Moment
→ Why might this memory be important?
This is a Great Place to use 7 Habits Language!
### Transfer to Chapter Books

As I am introducing the Signposts using picture books, I am also using my read-aloud to support it.

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<td>Zane and Bandy attempt to escape the hot attic into the swell of flood water brought ashore by the storm.</td>
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Notice and Note as you Read...

Text: _________________________

Author: _______________________

Summary

Character

Setting

Plot

Theme

Message

Response
Number the Stars

Aha Moments
- Mother kept the past in mind.
- Mother was told to care for a child.
- Mother did what she could.

Contrasts & Contradictions
- Peter changed.
- Papa changed.
- The world changed.

Words of the Wiser
- Frightened, but determined.
- She found the courage.

Memory Moment
- "She is pretty, like my own little girl..."

Tough Questions
- Why didn't he fight the Nazis?
- Where are my parents?
- Where was Mama?
Brief Description of the Habits

Habit 1 - Be Proactive
Habit 2 - Begin with the End In Mind
Habit 3 - Put First Things First
Habit 4 - Think Win-Win
Habit 5 - Seek to Understand, Then to Be Understood
Habit 6 - Synergize
Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw
Habit - Find Your Voice
## Frindle Signpost Examples: CC, AHA, MM, WOW, TQ, AA

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<td>AHA</td>
<td>Everything he had...</td>
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<td>34</td>
<td>MM</td>
<td>And then Nick...</td>
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<td>36/37</td>
<td>AHA</td>
<td>(the beginning of an AHA is brewing here)</td>
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Contrast and Contradiction

When authors show us something that does not fit with what we expect, they present us with a contrast and contradiction. This might be a change in a character from established patterns of behavior. It is usually a sharp contrast, or change, in what we would expect the character to do and what he actually does.
Contrast and Contradiction:
My Baseline Character

Physical Characteristics

Words

Actions
## Habit Analysis For Each Signpost

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Has the character experienced any of the other Fiction signposts? Explain on the back:

- Words of the Wiser
- Memory Moment
- AHA Moment
- Again and Again
- Tough Questions
Contrast and Contradiction

Establishing a Baseline for Character
What behaviors, habits, or patterns do you observe in the character at the beginning?

- Nick
- Mrs. Granger

- Which of the Eight Habits of Successful People does the character have/use at the beginning of the book?
  - Nick is proactive
  - No goals
  - puts fun before work
  - KNOWS how to sharpen the saw
  - He definitely has reputation/voice
Contrast and Contradiction

Character Actions (Middle of the Book On-Going Questions)

What did the character do that surprised you?

- Did the action exhibit more or less of the habits that you noticed earlier?
  - Proactively provides a report to Mrs. Granger (to his own benefit)
  - Begins the Frindle war without thinking of consequences
  - Frindle comes before school work
    - After the year is over, he thinks about boycotting the lunchroom but reflects on the possible consequences
    - After the "War" is over, he creates a scholarship fund for Mrs. Granger and buys a pen for Mrs. Granger.

Why would a character act this way?

What has changed...what other SIGNPOSTS have been a part of the events, patterns and experiences in the book?
Contrast and Contradiction

How did the character change his/her behavior?

- Based on the baseline behavior what habits did this specific action contradict?
  - Habit One: Was Proactive, Created His Own Weather, Impulsively
    - More Careful about His Choices, Made more of the RIGHT choices
  - Habit Two: Goalless, Did not think about consequences
    - Acted More Carefully

- Does it reflect a growth in the main character’s use of the habits?
Contrast and Contradiction

What caused the change in the character’s behaviors, habits, or patterns?
- What habits did the character encounter, if any, that speed up the change in the character?
Words of the Wiser

When a wiser and often older character offers a life lesson.
Words of the Wiser
How Others Change My Character Through Words

THE POWER OF WORDS

Who are some of the important people who influence your character?
What are some of the things they said to influence the future actions of your character?

1. 

2. 

3. 

Which habits did the words or advice impact? Color green if it was a good change and red if it was a bad change.

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Did the words come from or cause any of the other Fiction signposts? Explain on the back:

Contrast/Contradiction  Memory Moment  Aha Moment  Again and Again  Tough Questions
Words of the Wiser

When a wiser and often older character offers a life lesson.

Establishing a Baseline for the Character
What behavior does the character exhibit that may show a weakness in character, or habit?

- What are the habits that define the baseline character?
- Which of the 8 Habits are present in known behavior and which are lacking?
Words of the Wiser

Does the character meet with a character that seems to offer advice?

- What is the message? Does it relate to the 8 habits?
- Is the advice meant to improve the leadership or overall character of the main character?
What is the relationship between the character and the advice-giver?

- Does the character consider the advice-giver as someone that they would like to imitate or someone that they respect?
- What habits does the advice-giver have that the character would like to exhibit?
Words of the Wiser

Character Actions
What is the character’s reaction?

- Does the character think about, reflect, or act immediately on the advice?
- Does the reaction show proactivity, reactivity or other related habits?

How long does it take the character to react, or change?
Words of the Wiser

Was the change for the better and did it help to develop the character’s area of weakness?

- Compare the actions of the character before and after the advice is given. What habits do you see growth in?
- How does the change impact the rest of the story?
Memory Moment

When the author interrupts the action to show the character remembering something important. It is a recollection by a character that interrupts, and in some cases, changes the progression of the story.
Memory Moment
How can the past change the future?

Draw an illustration or write about the memory that the character experienced:

Does the memory change the character’s thoughts, words, or actions?  Yes  No

How?

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Did the Memory Moment connect to any of the other Fiction signposts? Explain on the back:

Contrast/Contradiction, Words of Wisdom, AHA Moment, Again and Again, Tough Questions
Memory Moment

Character Actions
What is the memory that the character has?
- Who does the memory relate to? Is it someone that the character looks up to and why?
- What does the memory reveal about the leadership habits of the subject of the memory?
- How does the character reflect on that memory and what habits is the character likely to adopt or resume?
Memory Moment

What is the significance of the memory that the character has?

- How does the memory relate to the past character and habits of the character?
- How is it likely to affect the future actions and habits of the character?

What actions, habits, or people is the character reflecting on?
Memory Moment

Predicting the Future Action of the Characters

Did the memory moment bring about a change in the character?

- What habits do you see growing?
- What weaknesses do you see changing into strong leadership habits?
Memory Moment

How does the memory moment affect the future actions of the character?
What predictions do you have for the future actions of the character?

What part of the memory moment or behavior right after the memory moment help you to predict that?
Again and Again

An image, word, event, or situation that is repeated over a portion of the novel or the book.
Again and Again

What was the message or event that the character experienced again and again:

1.  
2.  
3.  


How does the again and again moment change the character’s thoughts, words, or actions?

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Habit Analysis for *Again and Again*

**Why do you think the character needed to hear the message or live the event again and again?**

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**Did it change any leadership behaviors? Color the habit below green if it changed for the better, and color it red if it changed it for the worse.**

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**Did the *Again and Again* event connect to any of the other Fiction signposts? Explain on the back:**

Contrast/Contradiction  Memory Moment  Words of Wisdom  AHA Moment  Tough Questions
Again and Again

An image, word, event, or situation that is repeated over a portion of the novel or the book.

What images, words, or events do you notice happening more than once?

- How does this repetition cause the character to think about their actions?
- Do any of the repetition of images, words, or events remind you of the 8 habits?
- Why do you think things need to be repeated to make a change in behavior?
Again and Again

What effect do the repeated events or words have on the character?

- How does the character react each time the event is repeated?
- How does the repetition increase the chance that the character will change?

Are the repeated words or events related to Memory Moments or Words of the Wiser?
AHA moment

When a character finally understands or figures something out. This may change the character’s ideas, decisions, or the way they feel.

LIGHTBULB.

Oww!
Geez, what was that for?

It doesn’t matter!
It’s in the past!

Yeah, but it still hurts.

Ah, yes, the past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it, or... learn from it.
**Student Workspace Used with AHA Moments**

**AHA Moments**

*How can ideas, words, and events come together to create new knowledge?*

![Image of a child pointing to a light bulb on a blackboard]

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| Draw a picture or write about your character AFTER their AHA moment: | }
Habit Analysis for AHA Moment

How does the AHA moment change the character’s thoughts, words, actions, or goals?

Did it change any leadership behaviors? Color the habit below green if it changed for the better, and color it red if it changed it for the worse.

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Did the AHA moment connect to any of the other Fiction signposts? Explain on the back:

Contrast/Contradiction  Words of Wisdom  Again and Again  Memory Moment  Tough Questions
AHA moment

When a character finally understands or figures something out. This may change the character’s ideas, decisions, or the way they feel.

What moments in the book do you see the character reaching a sudden understanding?

- What are the baseline habits and behaviors when the character reaches the understanding?
AHA Moment

What events in the story lead to that understanding?
- How are the events related to the leadership habits that the main character will need to develop?
- How are the events placed in the story to develop the character as a leader?

How does this understanding change the character’s immediate or future behavior?
- Based on the baseline habits displayed by the character, what must change for them to reach their goal?
- Does the change seem to be immediate or one that will need to be developed?
Tough Questions

A point when the main character asks himself or a trusted friend a tough question. Often these questions that the character raises reveal his or her inner struggles.
Student Workspace Used with Tough Questions

Tough Questions
What ideas and questions does the character wrestle with in this book?

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How do the Tough Questions change the character as a person and as a leader? How are they different?

____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
Why do you think the author has the character wrestle with this question? How does it relate to the theme of the book?

You can’t make the tough decisions until you ask the tough questions.

Did the Tough Question connect to any of the other Fiction signposts? Explain on the back:

Contrast/Contradiction  Words of Wisdom  Memory Moment  AHA Moment  Again and Again
Establishing a Baseline for the Character

What is the ultimate goal of the main character (story problem)?

- What are the baseline character habits?
- How do their actions limit their beliefs or physical environment in a way that does not allow them to grow?
Tough Questions

What does the character need to know or do to get there?
- What words, memories, new understandings does the character receive to help them answer their questions or overcome their limitations?

What beliefs, actions, physical limitations does the character have that might be holding them back?
- Is there flawed thinking about leadership and the 8 habits to be successful?
- Does the character need to change the way they look at their limitations?
Tough Questions

How do character beliefs, actions, or physical limitations change to solve the story’s problem?

- What changes in thinking, actions, or behavior will allow the character to change their circumstances?
- What interactions with others or memories help the character overcome their limitations?