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English 7

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### Signposts: Wisdom, Courage, and Love

We welcome you to the Yellow Brick Road of English 7. The Yellow Brick Road is the metaphor we will be using this year to examine characters' journey of self-awareness and awakening to the full measure of their potential. These six signposts that appear along the Yellow Brick Road will help you STOP and strengthen your understanding by making ***inferences*** about how characters act, think and change in a story. They also help you ***analyze how*** an author chooses to craft the story. After you identify and cite an example from the text in the form of a quote, you will use these anchor questions to help you strengthen your analysis of how the characters express the themes of wisdom, courage, and love.

Signpost	Description	Anchor Question
<b>Contrasts and Contradictions</b>	When a character says or does something that is <b><u>the opposite of</u></b> what you expect them to do.	Why would the character do that?
<b>"A-Ha!" Moment</b>	When a character <b><u>suddenly realizes or understands</u></b> something important.	How might this new realization now change the character?
<b>Tough Questions</b>	When a character <b><u>asks himself or herself</u></b> (or someone else) a tough question - one that may lead to <b><u>inner conflict</u></b> .	What does this question make me wonder about the character?
<b>Words of the Wiser</b>	When a wiser or older person <b><u>gives advice or shares a personal experience</u></b> with a character in order <b><u>to help</u></b> guide him.	How might this new advice affect the character?
<b>Again and Again</b>	When the <b><u>author keeps repeating</u></b> the same image, phrase, idea, or situation again and again.	Why would the author repeat this? Does it teach me something about the character or story?
<b>Memory Moment</b>	When an author <b><u>interrupts the story</u></b> to tell you about a moment from the past.	How might this memory be important?

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**WISDOM**

Quote and Page Number:

Analysis

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**COURAGE**

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**LOVE**

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