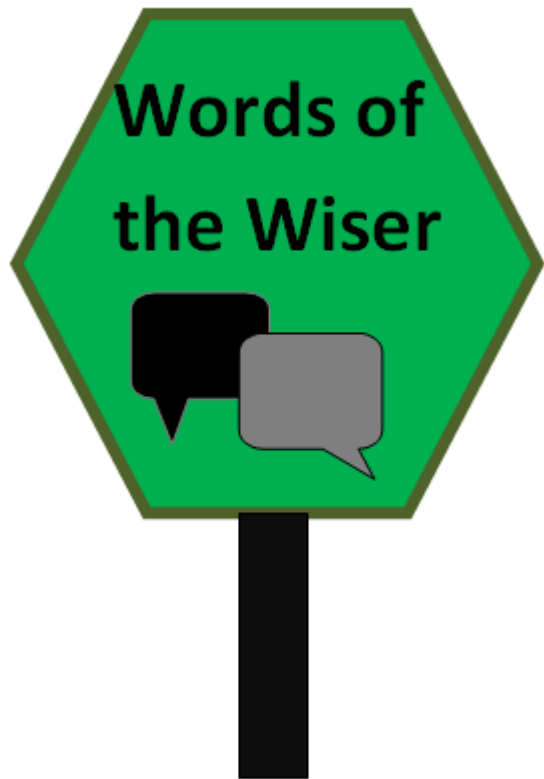


# STOP and Notice & Note



When you're reading, pay attention to when the main character has a quiet and serious talk with a character who offers wisdom. The wiser character might be a friend, a sibling, a teacher, a parent, or a friendly neighbor down the street. This advice is probably a life lesson for the character and the reader to learn. When you notice it, **STOP**, and ask yourself...

**What is the life lesson, AND how might this affect the character?**

The answer to this question will help you learn more about the character, the **conflict** he or she faces, the **plot**, or perhaps the **message or theme** the author wants you to consider.