

STOP and Notice & Note



When you're reading, pay attention to when the character asks himself or a trusted person a really difficult question.

Often Tough Questions show up in pairs (*Why won't they talk to me anymore? Why is everyone treating me this way?*)

Occasionally, the character might not ask a question, but might say something like "*I wonder if...*".

Once you notice the Tough Question, it's important to STOP and ask yourself...

**What is the *conflict*? AND
What does this make me
wonder about *the conflict*?**

The answers will tell you about the *internal conflict* and might give you ideas about how the character will reach a resolution.