Nonfiction Signposts

Contrasts and Contradictions- when the author presents something that contradicts what you think or shows you a sharp contrast between people, groups, or ideas…STOP and ASK: What does thing make me wonder about?

Absolute or Extreme language- when the author makes a statement that allows for no interpretation or seems unreasonable…STOP and ASK: Why did the author use this language?

Number and Stats- When the author uses specific numbers or statistical info, STOP and ASK: Why did the author use these numbers?

Quoted Words- When the author chooses to quote someone, STOP and ASK: Why was this person quoted? Why did the quote add?

Word GAPS- When the author uses a word or phrase you don’t know, STOP and ASK: Does this look like a word that is only used with this topic? Are there clues that will help me?