An **Aha Moment** occurs when characters realize something that shifts the way they act or what they understand about themselves or the world.

Some phrases that can signal an Aha Moment are

- It came to me in a flash . . .
- All of a sudden he knew . . .
- For the first time she saw . . .

When you notice an Aha Moment, pause. Think about what effect the character’s new knowledge might have on the story.

A good question to ask is...

**How might this change things?**