**Book Clubs: Again and Again Signpost DEJ** (#5)

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| **Text**  *direct quote, page number* | **Analysis**  *Why does this keep showing up again and again?*  *Does it reveal the theme?*  *Does it reveal the conflict?*  *Does it foreshadow what may happen later in the novel?* |
| “Some people began spotting Arnold’s coach parked outside the Shippen mansion. They couldn’t miss it--it was the fanciest one in town.” (211)  “Andre was soaring too high, too fast, and he knew it. There was no way he could stay up there--not without pulling off something that would silence all of the critics.” (247) | Multiple descriptions of Arnold’s possessions and wealth have showed up in the novel. It keeps on showing up again and again to show the reader how Arnold has wasted money on expensive and useless possessions, and that he had become more proud and vain. It reveals a theme, which is that although you have a plentiful of money, you shouldn’t buy useless and expensive possessions, in order to spend it. It reveals a part of the conflict; the way the people see Arnold. They have seen Benedict Arnold as a respectable, brave hero. It foreshadows that Arnold might suffer from poverty, and that the people will start to see him as a money-absorbed man.  It is mentioned in the text very often that Andre would have to create an amazing scenario, in which he would be the hero. This keeps showing up again and again because it showed Andre becoming higher ranks rapidly, and how the other, more experienced officers were envious of him. It doesn’t reveal a theme. It reveals a conflict, that Andre and the other officers are competing against each other to maintain the higher ranks. It foreshadows, or makes the readers predict that when there is a major problem, Andre will figure out a way to resolve it, therefore, helping him reach his goal of his position. |
| Good Question | Will this be the cause of Arnold betraying his country and then, his hanging? Why does he want to betray his country for only money, when he can experience honor and glory through leading his country through battles? |
| Evidence | “And he was at that moment plotting to betray his country!” (239) |