



Determining Important Ideas

- 1 Read a chapter of the text, and make notes below about what you think the most important ideas are.
- 2 Important ideas usually have details that back them up, or support them.
Next, write a list of the supporting details in the text, and draw lines to connect them to the main ideas they go with.
- 3 Why do you think the author wrote this chapter? What are they trying to tell you?
- 4 Now, think about the whole book so far. What do you think the one big idea from the whole text might be, and why?

There might only be one important idea, or there could be a couple.



My notes