

EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS /THE CONDITION OF ENGLAND

COPY MASTER

# Reading Skill

## RECOGNIZE IDEAS

Victorian writers used complex sentences filled with phrases, clauses, and modifiers. Use these strategies to help you recognize the important ideas in a sentence or paragraph.

- Find the subject and verb of each sentence.
- Look for patterns that the author uses to organize ideas. For example, you might find repeated sentence structures.
- After you identify a main idea, reread to find details that support this idea.

**Directions:** Complete these charts to record three key ideas in each essay. Then note specific details that support each idea. One idea for each essay is provided.

### “Evidence of Progress”

Author’s Ideas	Supporting Details
The difficulties of our current situation do not necessarily predict that progress will stop.	

### “The Condition of England”

Author’s Ideas	Supporting Details
Great wealth from industrial growth has not improved the condition of England.	