Emphasizing Main Ideas

Revise each of the following sentences to highlight what you take to be the main or most important ideas.

1. Also notable is the image of chrysanthemums throughout the story.
2. After he blew a tire out, Al Unser sped across the finish line first, thanks to his pit crew and his ability to control the car in a tailspin.
3. The case baffled inspectors—even though they found the killer eventually—because of the bizarre nature of the clues and the fact that no one ever heard a thing.
4. A crowd gathered, the stranded whale wriggled off of the sandy beach, and a chorus of seagulls cried shrilly.
5. In 1998, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire both shattered the old home run record while their respective teams did poorly.
6. Victorian women were warned that if they smoked, they would become sterile, grow a moustache, die young, or contract tuberculosis.
7. All medical papers, whether initial investigation, presentation of final statistics, or reports on work in progress, must undergo rigorous scrutiny.
8. Coast guard personnel conduct boating safety classes, sometimes must risk their own lives to save others, and monitor emergency radio channels.
9. The presence of the American Indian in these movies always conjures up destructive stereotypes of bloodthirsty war parties, horse thieves, and drunkenness.
10. Dr. Carver has separated several pairs pf conjoined twins, he grew up in an impoverished family, and he achieved the dream of becoming a surgeon.