### ELA: Grade 11-12
**ELA.EE.RI.11-12.4**

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| ELA.RI.11-12.4       | Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term or terms over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10) | **Initial Precursor:**
  - Can provide real-life examples of words connected to a use (describe people who are friendly)  
  
**Distal Precursor:**
  - Can demonstrate an understanding that when two words have the same meaning, they are synonyms (the student may or may not explicitly use the term synonym, but this term should be used with the student)  
  
**Proximal Precursor:**
  - Can determine the figurative meaning of words and phrases as the author intended in an informational text, such as common idioms, analogies, and figures of speech  
  
**Target:**
  - Can determine how words and phrases, especially words with multiple meanings and figurative meaning, impacts the meaning that a reader derives from an informational text  
  
**Successor:**
  - Can analyze how the author of an informational text gradually shapes his or her ideas through his or her word and phrase choices and through the arrangement of the sentences, paragraphs, chapters, and sections |

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A diagram showing the relationship of nodes in the mini-map appears below.
**Key to map codes in upper right corner of node boxes:**

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**ELA.EE.RI.11-12.4** - Determine how words or phrases in a text, including words with multiple meanings and figurative language, impact the meaning of the text.
ELA-1023  
Can rely on semantic clues to determine the meaning of a word in context

ELA-832  
Determine the connotative meaning of words and phrases in a text

ELA-1243  
Can determine the figurative meaning of words and phrases as they are used in an informational text

ELA-1247  
Can determine how words and phrases impact the meaning of an informational text

ELA-1044  
Can identify how the author gradually refines the ideas and claims in an informational text