## Essential Element, Linkage Levels, and Mini-Map

### ELA: Grade 3

**ELA.EE.RI.3.8**

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| **ELA.RI.3.8** Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence) | **ELA.EE.RI.3.8** Identify two related points the author makes in an informational text | **Initial Precursor:**  
- When attending, react to a change to an object or situation  
**Distal Precursor:**  
- Can demonstrate an understanding that objects differ in the physical characteristics and can make judgments of similarity or difference based on the physical characteristics of objects  
**Proximal Precursor:**  
- Can identify the relationship between multiple concrete facts or details in a literature or informational text  
**Target:**  
- Can find two points made by an author of an informational text that relate to each other  
**Successor:**  
- Can provide the reasons an author includes (i.e. details) that support the points of an informational text |

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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:**

- **IP** Initial Precursor
- **SP** Supporting
- **DP** Distal Precursor
- **S** Successor
- **PP** Proximal Precursor
- **UN** Untested
- **T** Target
ELA.EE.RI.3.8 - Identify two related points the author makes in an informational text.