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

**ELA: Grade 4**

**ELA.EE.RI.4.8**

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| **ELA.RI.4.8** Explain how an author uses reasons and evidence to support particular points in a text | **ELA.EE.RI.4.8** Identify one or more reasons supporting a specific point in an informational text | **Initial Precursor:**  
- When attending, react to a change to an object or situation  
**Distal Precursor:**  
- Can identify the concrete details, such as individuals, events, or ideas in familiar informational texts  
**Proximal Precursor:**  
- Can determine what the points are that the author of an unfamiliar informational text is trying to communicate to the reader  
**Target:**  
- Can provide the reasons an author includes (i.e. details) that support the points of an informational text  
**Successor:**  
- Can find out how specific points made by an author in an informational text relate to the reasons supporting it |

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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.4.8 - Identify one or more reasons supporting a specific point in an informational text.
ELA-1119
Can identify a concrete detail related to an individual, event, or idea presented in an informational text

ELA-1139
Can identify the points made by the author of an unfamiliar informational text

ELA-385
Can identify the reasons that support points made in an informational text

ELA-1412
Can identify the relationship between specific points and the reasons supporting them in an informational text