**ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP**  
**ELA: GRADE 7**  
**ELA.EE.RI.7.8**

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| ELA.RI.7.8 Trace and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient to support the claims | ELA.EE.RI.7.8 Determine how a claim or reason fits into the overall structure of an informational text | Initial Precursor:  
• Has an association with a certain event and anticipates what is to come (example: Can produce the appropriate response to well-known interactions with another individual)  
Distal Precursor:  
• Can identify the main idea when it is explicitly included in the paragraph, usually as the first of last sentence  
Proximal Precursor:  
• Can determine how a key word, phrase, sentence, or paragraph contributes to the overall structure of an informational text  
Target:  
• Can ascertain the organization an author of an informational text uses in arranging the claims and reasons on the topic  
Successor:  
• Can describe the overall text structure used in 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.7.8 - Determine how a claim or reason fits into the overall structure of an informational text.