# Essential Element, Linkage Levels, and Mini-Map

## ELA: Grade 4

### ELA.EE.RL.4.2

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| ELA.RL.4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text; summarize the text | ELA.EE.RL.4.2 Identify the theme or central idea of a familiar story, drama or poem | **Initial Precursor:**  
- Can recognize when he or she encounters familiar people, objects, places, and events  
**Distal Precursor:**  
- Can identify the major events of a familiar story  
**Proximal Precursor:**  
- Can identify and recall how characters' actions affect the consequences that occur in the story afterwards  
**Target:**  
- Can identify the theme of a familiar story, which includes a short, concise sentence about the overall meaning of the narrative  
**Successor:**  
- Can identify the theme of a story, which includes a short, concise sentence about the overall meaning of the narrative |

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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.RL.4.2 - Identify the theme or central idea of a familiar story, drama or poem.
ELA-362
Can identify the causes of character's actions in a story

ELA-1057
Can identify the overall goal or main idea of a single episode

ELA-752
Can identify the overall goal or main idea of a character in a story

ELA-1344
Can identify the specific theme of a familiar story

ELA-1345
Can identify the specific theme of a story

ELA-1175
Can identify details that are related to the theme of a narrative