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| **ELA.RL.5.9** Compare and contrast stories in the same genre (e.g., mysteries and adventure stories) on their approaches to similar themes and topics | **ELA.EE.RL.5.9** Compare stories, myths, or texts with similar topics or themes | **Initial Precursor**  
- Can indicate an object when it is referred to by name  
**Distal Precursor**  
- Can understand adjectives in others’ speech  
**Proximal Precursor**  
- Can identify and recall how characters’ actions affect the consequences that occur in the story afterwards  
**Target**  
- Can determine how two narratives on similar topics or specific themes are similar to one another on their coverage of the topics  
**Successor**  
- Can find the similarities and differences between two narratives with a similar theme or topic |
How is the Initial Precursor related to the Target?

**Initial Precursor:** As students work toward determining how two stories are similar to one another, they have to pay attention to the details in stories. This can start during shared reading as students learn to identify objects in the story when they are named.

How is the Distal Precursor related to the Target?

**Distal Precursor:** As students work toward determining how two stories are similar to one another, they have to pay attention to the details in stories and understand the specific descriptors used. Students working at the Distal Precursor linkage level can work on understanding descriptive words during shared reading. Teachers can use the DLM Familiar Texts aligned with this Essential Element and linkage level during shared reading because those books include descriptions (e.g., color, size, shape, texture) of context, people, and events.

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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.RL.5.9 - Compare stories, myths, or texts with similar topics or themes.
ELA-1184
Can compare stories, myths, or texts from different cultures

ELA-507
Can compare and contrast the themes, topics, and event patterns of stories, myths, and literature from different cultures

ELA-1177
Can compare two narratives on similar topics or themes

ELA-1171
Can compare and contrast two narratives with a similar theme or topic