# ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP

**ELA: GRADE 6**

**ELA.EE.RL.6.1**

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| ELA.EE.RL.6.1        | ELA.EE.RL.6.1 Determine what a text says explicitly as well as what simple inferences must be drawn | **Initial Precursor:**
|                      |                       | • Can differentiate between text and pictures. Can pair an object with a picture, tactile graphic, or other symbolic representation of the object |
|                      |                       | **Distal Precursor:**
|                      |                       | • Can identify the key elements in a story, including the main characters, setting, and the major events |
|                      |                       | **Proximal Precursor:**
|                      |                       | • Can identify the concrete details, such as characters, objects, setting, and major events that are specifically stated in a narrative text |
|                      |                       | **Target:**
|                      |                       | • Can analyze a narrative and differentiate between explicitly-stated information and implications in the text that require an inference |
|                      |                       | **Successor:**
|                      |                       | • Can analyze a narrative to identify where it expresses information explicitly and where inferences should be made to determine the implicit information underlying the explicit information |

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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
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