ELA.EE.RL.8.2  
ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP  
ELA: GRADE 8  
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| ELA.RL.8.2           | ELA.EE.RL.8.2         | Initial Precursor:  
• Can identify the next step or event in a sequence from a familiar routine  
Distal Precursor:  
• Can identify early elements of story grammar; can point to pictures or objects or use speech to identify the characters or objects in a simple story  
Proximal Precursor:  
• Can identify the theme of a story, which includes a short, concise sentence about the overall meaning of the narrative  
Target:  
• Can relate an event with details about specific characters and settings that help the reader to infer the theme or central idea of a narrative  
Successor:  
• Can relate two or more events with details about specific characters and settings that help the reader to infer the theme or central idea of a 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:

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ELA.EE.RL.8.2 - Recount an event related to the theme or central idea, including details about character and setting.
ELA-753
Can identify the general theme of a narrative when asked

ELA-1345
Can identify the specific theme of a story

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

ELA-1481
Can identify events that are related to the theme of a narrative

ELA-1395
Can identify the relevant events contributing to the theme or central idea of a narrative

ELA-1396
Can recount an event contributing to the theme or central idea of a narrative using specific details

ELA-1397
Can recount two or more events contributing to the theme or central idea of a narrative using specific details