# ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP

## ELA: GRADE 8

### ELA.EE.RL.8.9

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| **ELA.RL.8.9**       | **ELA.EE.RL.8.9**     | **Initial Precursor:**  
  | Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new |  
  | Compare and contrast themes, patterns of events, or characters across two or more stories or dramas | **Distal Precursor:**  
  | **Proximal Precursor:**  
  | **Target:**  
  | **Successor:**  
  | **Can understand adjectives in others’ speech** | **Can identify the behavior and actions of specific characters in a familiar story** | **Can determine when a character changes in how he/she/it feels emotionally over the course of and in response to the events in a story** | **Can determine how different narratives are the same and different in terms of their theme, plot, and story elements, such as characters, settings, and events** | **Can compare and contrast how similar themes and topics are addressed in texts using different forms or from different genres, such as between stories and poems and between historical novels and fantasy stories** |

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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.8.9** - Compare and contrast themes, patterns of events, or characters across two or more stories or dramas.
ELA-2029
Can compare the actions of characters in different narratives

ELA-2030
Can compare and contrast the actions of characters in different narratives

ELA-2034
Can compare and contrast a sequence of a few events in different narratives

ELA-2040
Can compare and contrast the plot in different narratives

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

ELA-1696
Can compare and contrast the theme, plot, and story elements of different narratives

ELA-949
Can compare and contrast texts on a similar topic from different genres or with different forms