### Grade-Level Standard

**ELA.W.11-12.2.d** Use precise language, domain-specific vocabulary, and techniques such as metaphor, simile, and analogy to manage the complexity of the topic.

### DLM Essential Element

**ELA.EE.W.11-12.2.d** Use domain specific vocabulary when writing claims related to a topic of study or text.

### Linkage Levels

**EMERGENT WRITING (EW.11-12):**
- **Initial Precursor:** Using their categorical knowledge, can make generalizations about the category to novel instances of that category
- **Distal Precursor:** Student is able to select domain-specific words to use for writing about a topic

**CONVENTIONAL WRITING (CW.11-12):**
- **Proximal Precursor:** Can include domain-specific vocabulary when writing an informative text
- **Target:** Can use domain-specific vocabulary to strengthen claims in informative writing (student is both able to write claims at this stage and can appropriately make use of domain specific vocabulary to enhance claims)
- **Successor:** Can include academic words when writing an informative text on a topic

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This EE is tested in an ELA writing testlet. Writing testlets are assessed at two levels: Emergent Writing and Conventional Writing. The initial and distal precursor nodes are assessed in the emergent writing testlet in Grade 11-12 with five other Essential Elements: EE.L.11-12.2.b, EE.W.11-12.2.a, EE.W.11-12.2.b, EE.W.11-12.2.c, and EE.W.11-12.2.f. The proximal precursor, target, and successor nodes are assessed in the conventional writing testlet in Grade 11-12 with five other Essential Elements: EE.L.11-12.2.b, EE.W.11-12.2.a, EE.W.11-12.2.b, EE.W.11-12.2.c, and EE.W.11-12.2.f.

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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