ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP
ELA: GRADE 3
ELA.EE.W.3.2.A

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| Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension | Select a topic and write about it including one fact or detail | EMERGENT WRITING (EW.3):
- **Initial Precursor:** Turns own body, head, or otherwise directs own attention to objects or people
- **Distal Precursor:** Given a choice of two objects, uses eye-gaze, physical movement, gesture or vocalization to indicate choice

CONVENTIONAL WRITING (CW.3):
- **Proximal Precursor:** Student can select a familiar topic to share about (may be from a set of options) and can use drawing, dictating, or writing to share about it
- **Target:** Can write about a specific topic using facts and details to describe the topic
- **Successor:** Can select a topic for writing an informational text and then find information that is either tactile, visual, or multimedia for use when writing the text

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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 3 with one other Essential Element: EE.W.3.4. The proximal precursor, target and successor nodes are assessed in the conventional writing testlet in Grade 3 with one other Essential Element: EE.W.3.4.

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.W.3.2.a - Select a topic and write about it including one fact or detail.

- F-119: Directs attention to objects or people.
- F-111: Attentive to objects, pictures, or multimedia.
- F-114: Makes a choice between two objects.
- F-103: Demonstrate preferences for some books over others.
- ELA-1097: Expresses recognition of familiar text.
- F-146: Can match a real object with a picture or other symbolic representation of the object.
- ELA-1382: Can name objects in pictures/tactile graphics or name objects used to represent book pictures during a shared reading activity.
- ELA-757: Can label the action that occurs in a story during a shared reading activity.