**ESSENTIAL ELEMENT, LINKAGE LEVELS, AND MINI-MAP**

**ELA: GRADE 5**

**ELA.EE.W.5.2.A**

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<td>Introduce a topic clearly, provide a general observation and focus, and group related information logically; include formatting (e.g., headings), illustrations, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension</td>
<td><strong>Initial Precursor:</strong> Given a choice of two objects, uses eye-gaze, physical movement, gesture or vocalization to indicate choice</td>
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<td>Introduce a topic and write to convey information about it including visual, tactual, or multimedia information as appropriate</td>
<td><strong>Distal Precursor:</strong> Can respond to wh-questions regarding choice of topic and other questions related to writing about the topic.</td>
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<th><strong>CONVENTIONAL WRITING (CW.5):</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Proximal Precursor:</strong> Can write about a specific topic using facts and details to describe the topic</td>
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<td><strong>Target:</strong> Can introduce a topic while writing an informational text and convey information about it including visual, tactual, or multimedia information as appropriate</td>
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<td><strong>Successor:</strong> Can introduce an informational topic while writing and extend by writing about ideas and information related to the topic</td>
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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 5 with one other Essential Element: EE.W.5.2.b. The proximal precursor, target and successor nodes are assessed in the conventional writing testlet in Grade 5 with one other Essential Element: EE.W.5.2.b.

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.5.2.a** - Introduce a topic and write to convey information about it including visual, tactual, or multimedia information as appropriate.
ELA-1136
Can identify details relevant to the topic of an informational text.

ELA-1531
Can recount a topic using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details.

ELA-1543
Can write (drawing, dictating, or writing) about a topic by producing facts and details.

ELA-1257
Can write about a topic using pertinent tactile, visual, or multimedia information.

ELA-1266
Can introduce a topic when writing an informational text and convey information about it.

ELA-1546
Can introduce an informational topic and write to convey both ideas and information.