## Essential Element, Linkage Levels, and Mini-Map

### ELA: Grade 6

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| Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples | Provide facts, details, or other information related to the topic | **Initial Precursor**
|                      |                       | - Can determine some of the relevant words for describing people, places, things, or events familiar to the student |
|                      |                       | **Distal Precursor**
|                      |                       | - Can identify a photograph or object that is personally relevant to the student from a set of personally relevant and irrelevant photographs or objects and provide a specific detail about it |
| **Conventional Writing (CW.6)** | **Proximal Precursor**
|                      | - Can select a topic and use drawing, dictating, or writing to compose a message with at least one fact or detail about the selected topic (message may require some interpretation as student may not be using phonetic spelling or complete simple sentences) |
| **Target**           | - Student is already able to identify facts and details related to topic from a set of choices. Now they are able to provide written facts, details and/or information about a topic |
| **Successor**        | - Student is able to put facts or details identified about a topic into writing |

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<td><strong>Initial Precursor:</strong> Successful writing requires writers to know something about the topic. When students are familiar with the topics they chose, they can begin working to use words that describe the people, places, things, or events that relate to the topic. In the context of writing, teachers can work with students to select from a range of familiar topics and then determine words that could be used to describe the people, places, things, or events they might write about.</td>
<td><strong>Distal Precursor:</strong> Students can work toward being able to identify facts and details that are relevant to a topic and write about them by selecting familiar, personally relevant photographs or objects and identifying details that relate to them. In the context of writing, students at the Distal Precursor level can select from an array of personally relevant pictures or objects when choosing a topic to write about. Then they can determine details about the topic to write about.</td>
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This Essential Element 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 6 with one other Essential Element: ELA.EE.W.6.2.a. For states using the instructionally embedded blueprint, ELA.EE.L.6.2.b will also be assessed. The Proximal Precursor, Target, and Successor nodes are assessed in the conventional writing testlet in Grade 6 with one other Essential Element: ELA.EE.W.6.2.a. For states using the instructionally embedded blueprint, ELA.EE.L.6.2.b will also be assessed.

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.6.2.b - Provide facts, details, or other information related to the topic.
ELA-1967
Can select a topic and use drawing, dictating, or writing to compose a message with one fact.

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-1676
Can provide facts, details, or other information related to the topic.

ELA-2293
Write one or more facts or details related to the topic.