

Fishers High School  
**English 10**  
Fall Semester 2017  
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## Course Description

- Welcome to English 10! This course focuses on developing reading comprehension, writing composition, research strategies, and other lifelong literacy skills. The course will challenge you to think critically, work collaboratively, and develop the confidence needed to use your communication skills and talents to pursue future goals. English 10 students can go on to take a variety of courses in eleventh and twelfth grade, so this course aims to lay the groundwork for success in any Fishers High School English class, as well as upcoming standardized tests such as the ISTEP, PSAT, and the SAT.

## Materials

### Fall Texts

- Of Mice and Men* by Jon Steinbeck**  
Synopsis: During the rough times of the American Great Depression, two friends with very different personalities chase the American Dream in California.
- I Am Legend* by Richard Matheson**  
Synopsis: The lone survivor of a zombie apocalypse races to find a cure to the outbreak and save the world.

### Supplies

- Electronic Device:** Please bring a charged device with Wi-Fi access daily. Phones are not acceptable!
- Writing Utensils:** A pen or pencil is required every day.
- Organizational System:** You must keep track of your own notes, but you may choose a system that works best for you. Store your class notes in a binder, notebook, paper folder, or computer space.

## Units of Study

Unit 1 Fundamentals	Unit 2 Reading Fiction	Unit 3 Nonfiction and Research	Unit 4 Reading Fiction 2	Throughout the Semester
This is an introductory unit focused reviewing ELA basics	Learn strategies related to theme, characters and plot.	Analyze central idea, sequencing, author's purpose, and evidence.	Practice strategies related to theme, characters and plot.	Grammar instruction, ISTEP prep, short writing assignments

## Major Assignments

- Buddy Study
- Test #1: Featuring *Of Mice and Men*
- Research Paper
- Test #2: Featuring *I am Legend*
- Final Exam (Essay and Multiple Choice)