

Fishers High School  
**English 10**  
**Spring Semester 2018**  
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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

### Spring Texts

- My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult**  
Synopsis: A family is torn apart when a teenage girl sues for the rights to her own body. This story is told from multiple points of view to give the reader a full picture of the events.
- Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare**  
Synopsis: Marcus Brutus, a loyal Roman citizen, is conflicted when his good friend, Julius Caesar, takes steps toward becoming a military dictator.

### 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 Drama	Throughout the Semester
This is an introductory unit focused reviewing ELA basics.	Learn strategies related to theme, characters and plot details.	Analyze central idea, sequencing, author's purpose, and evidence.	We will learn how to decode William Shakespeare's poetic language and plays.	Grammar instruction, SAT prep, short writing assignments

## Major Assignments

- Personal Narrative Essay
- Literary Essay
- Multiple choice quizzes and tests over class book units
- Research Paper
- Final Exam (Essay and Multiple Choice)