

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



English Foundations 2-10

Board Approval Date: May 15, 2025	Course Length: 2 Semesters
Grading: A-F	Credits: 5 Credits per Semester
Proposed Grade Level(s): 10	Subject Area: English Elective Area (if applicable):
Prerequisite(s): English Foundations 1-10 or English 1. Placement in this course requires recommendation of an IEP or 504 team. Recommendations might include CAASPP score of 1 or 2; diagnostic assessment scores	Corequisite(s): None
CTE Sector/Pathway: N/A	
Intent to Pursue ‘A-G’ College Prep Status: No	
A-G Course Identifier: N/A	
Graduation Requirement: Yes	
Course Intent: N/A Program (if applicable): N/A	
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The District's nondiscrimination policy can be located at:

<https://www.fcusd.org/district/about-us/nondiscrimination-statementpolicy>

The District's nondiscrimination complaint procedures can be located at:

Students: <https://www.fcusd.org/departments/compliance/complaints/uniform-complaints>

Staff: <https://www.fcusd.org/departments/compliance/complaints/nondiscrimination-in-employment>

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Students: <https://www.fcusd.org/district/about-us/title-ix-notificationsexual-harassment>

Staff: <https://www.fcusd.org/departments/compliance/complaints/sexual-harrassment-title-ix>

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This English course for freshmen is taught by an Education Specialist with a reduced student to teacher ratio. The course provides a foundational pathway that supports the needs of students whose academic performance, including proficiency in English Language Arts and literacy in reading and writing, is three or more years below grade level. This course also includes a particular emphasis on academic vocabulary acquisition and reading comprehension, fluency, and foundation skills, as needed. Specialized Academic Instruction is employed, adapting, as appropriate in accordance with student IEPs, the content, methodology, or delivery of instruction to ensure student access to the general curriculum. This course calls for students to engage in a range of tasks (analyze, interpret, assess, integrate and evaluate, collaborate, adapt, apply) that require critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration skills.

DETAILED UNITS OF INSTRUCTION:

Unit Number/Title	Unit Essential Questions	Examples of Formative Assessments	Examples of Summative Assessment
1. Destiny	How much of what happens in our lives do we actually control?	*Graphic organizers *Class Discussions *Exit Tickets *Interactive Journals	*Comic Strip Projects *Explanatory One-pager
<p>RL. 9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text. W.9-10.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content. SL.9-10.5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.</p>			
2. Taking a Stand	If rules are put in place to keep us safe, is there ever a time when we should be fighting against them?	*Graphic organizer *Class Discussions *Exit Tickets *Interactive Journals	*Poster Project *Test
<p>RL. 9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme. W.9-10.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately through the effective selection, organization, and analysis of content.</p>			
3. Technical Difficulties	What kind of responsibilities do we have to our society and our environment?	*Graphic organizers *Class Discussions *Exit Tickets *Interactive Journals *Think Questions	*Poster Project *Writing Task
<p>RL. 9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text. W.9-10.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. L.9-10.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.</p>			
4. The Human	How do our interactions	*Graphic organizers	*Argumentative Writing

Connection	with those around us and with the larger world make us who we are?	*Class Discussions *Exit Tickets *Interactive Journals *Scene performances	*Task *Slide Project
<p>RL. 9-10.3 Analyze how complex characters (e.g., those with multiple or conflicting motivations) develop over the course of a text, interact with other characters, and advance the plot or develop the theme.</p> <p>W.9-10.1 Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.</p> <p>SL.9-10.5 Make strategic use of digital media (e.g., textual, graphical, audio, visual, and interactive elements) in presentations to enhance understanding of findings, reasoning, and evidence and to add interest.</p>			

RELEVANT STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORKS, CONTENT/PROGRAM SPECIFIC STANDARDS:

Link to Common Core Standards (if applicable):

Educational standards describe what students should know and be able to do in each subject in each grade. In California, the State Board of Education decides on the standards for all students, from kindergarten through high school.

<https://www.thecorestandards.org/ELA-Literacy/L/9-10/>

Link to Framework (if applicable):

Curriculum frameworks provide guidance for implementing the content standards adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE). Frameworks are developed by the Instructional Quality Commission, formerly known as the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission, which also reviews and recommends textbooks and other instructional materials to be adopted by the SBE.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/CI/rl/cf/elaeldfrmwrksbeadopted.asp>

Link to Subject Area Content Standards (if applicable):

Content standards were designed to encourage the highest achievement of every student, by defining the knowledge, concepts, and skills that students should acquire at each grade level.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/documents/finalelaccsstandards.pdf>

Link to Program Content Area Standards (if applicable):

Program Content Area Standards apply to programs such as International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Career and Technical Education, etc.

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/ss/elaanchorstandards.asp>

TEXTBOOKS AND RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Textbooks

Board Approved	Pilot Completion Date (If applicable)	Textbook Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Edition	Date
<i>Yes</i>		<i>StudySync (Core)</i>		McGraw Hill		<i>1/1/2024</i>
<i>This material will be adopted with the approval of this outline.</i>	<i>3/20/2025</i>	<i>English 3D (Supplemental)</i>	Dr. Kate Kinsella	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt		<i>4/1/2021</i>