

**Course Title – Vocabulary Enrichment**

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**Unit #1, topic – Origins of the English Language**

Students will be able to independently use their learning to: understand the foreign language origins of modern English

### Stage 1 – Desired Results

#### Established Goals

**2009 NJCCC Standard(s), Strand(s)/CPI #**  
(<http://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/2009/final.htm>)

**Common Core Curriculum Standards for Math and English**  
(<http://www.corestandards.org/>)

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.11-12.4c Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning, its part of speech, its etymology, or its standard usage.

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Themes

([www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org))

- Global Awareness
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Civic Literacy
- Health Literacy
- Environmental Literacy

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

##### *Learning and Innovation Skills:*

- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Collaboration

##### *Information, Media and Technology Skills:*

- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy

##### *Life and Career Skills:*

- Flexibility and Adaptability
- Initiative and Self-Direction
- Social and Cross-Cultural Skills
- Productivity and Accountability
- Leadership and Responsibility

<p><b><u>Enduring Understandings:</u></b>  <i>Students will understand that . . .</i></p> <p><i>EU 1</i>  English evolved from a number of foreign language groups due to migrations and invasions.</p> <p><i>EU 2</i>  Our spelling and pronunciation vary greatly because of their linguistic origins.</p>	<p><b><u>Essential Questions:</u></b></p> <p><i>EU 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How has the English language evolved? What other languages influenced English and why?</li> <li>• How are neologisms based on historical events and cultural innovations?</li> </ul> <p><i>EU 2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is there so much variation in the pronunciation and spelling of modern English words?</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Knowledge:</u></b>  <i>Students will know . . .</i></p> <p><i>EU 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the linguistic impact of the Anglo-Saxons and Celtic invasions</li> <li>• the Latin and Greek influence of the missionaries</li> <li>• the French influence of the Norman invasion</li> <li>• the impact of varying literacy levels and geographical locations on pronunciation and spelling</li> <li>• the meanings of the concepts of neologisms, acronyms, eponyms, and portmanteau words.</li> </ul> <p><i>EU2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the impact of varying literacy levels and geographical locations on pronunciation and spelling</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Skills:</u></b>  <i>Students will be able to . . .</i></p> <p><i>EU 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify Anglo-Saxon and Celtic words in modern text.</li> <li>• identify word groups that have evolved from Latin, Greek, and French</li> <li>• recall a number of neologisms, acronyms, eponyms, and portmanteau words</li> </ul> <p><i>EU2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fill in a linguistic map of England and Europe</li> </ul>

<b>Stage 2 – Assessment Evidence</b>	
<p><b>Recommended Performance Tasks:</b> <i>Each unit must have at least 1 Performance Task. Each EU must be addressed in a performance task. Consider the GRASPS form.</i></p>	

**Other Recommended Evidence:** *Tests, Quizzes, Prompts, Self-assessment, Observations, Dialogues, etc.*

- Test on neologisms, acronyms, eponyms, and portmanteau words
- Quiz on linguistic map of British Isles and Europe
- Test on historical and cultural influences on our language
- Quiz on spelling and pronunciation changes

### Stage 3 – Learning Plan

**Suggested Learning Activities to Include Differentiated Instruction and Interdisciplinary Connections:** *Consider the WHERETO elements. Each learning activity listed must be accompanied by a learning goal of A= Acquiring basic knowledge and skills, M= Making meaning and/or a T= Transfer.*

- Complete a graphic organizer for a text explaining a history of the English language (A)
- Take notes while listening to teacher lectures and watch instructional video (A)
- Memorize notecards with Latin, Greek, French roots on wide side and meanings on the reverse side. (A)
- Learn how to separate syllables via consonant-vowel pairings (CVC) (A)
- Learn primary and secondary stress to improve pronunciation skills (A)
- Differentiate and classify notecards according to language groups. (M)
- Chart the word origin of a particular roots by consulting dictionaries (M)
- Construct a concept map (Fray model) for a root. (M)
- Conduct a 'word part shuffle' using roots/affix cards i.e., bio- log-ic, and generate a list of formed words (M)
- Create sentences using root/affix card combinations (pair/share) (M)
- Analyze a short reading passage and its multiple choice items for its Greek and Latin roots (T)
- Analyze a list of unfamiliar words and determine their meanings through knowledge of roots (T)
- Evaluate an SAT sentence completion task (part of reading comprehension SAT) in terms of the roots to determine the correct answer. (T)
- Create several original words in a word family and generate a poster which illustrates definition, context, syllabication, stress, and part of speech. (T)