

## 10TH GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING

### Grade Level

*Kindred*, by Octavia Butler (Note: We will provide the physical book at the end of the year - ISBN 978-0-8070-8369-7.) Please use this book (not the electronic version)

**Suggested but not required:** You may want to purchase, as a companion, the *Kindred* graphic novel, an adaptation by Damian Duffy and John Jennings. The graphic novel would be to help you, and not to replace the book listed above.

You are required to have this reading done by the first day of class.

Also, type and double-space a short paragraph for each of the following questions. The response is due the first day of class.

1. The title of the novel *Kindred* can be understood in several different ways. How does the title of the novel help explain Dana's motivation throughout the book? You must quote at least once from the book to support your answer.
2. In tenth grade English, we will read works that lead to discussions about the social constructs of race and gender. If you had to pick one, which one, race or gender, do you think is more central to Butler's story? Explain your answer. Be specific. You must quote at least once from the book to support your answer.

### Optional, but recommended reading:

*Kindred*, The Graphic Novel Adaptation, by Damian Duffy and John Jennings (see above)

*Black Boy*, by Richard Wright

*Americanah*, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

*I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, by Alex Haley and Malcolm X