## ACCELERATED 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING

*The Underground Railroad*, by Colson Whitehead (Note: Please get the physical book, not the electronic version.) Please by the paperback version with this **ISBN-13**: 978-0345804327

You are required to have this reading done by the first day of class. Also, type and double-space a one-page response to **one** of the following questions. The response is due the first day of class.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McLaughlin (<u>tmclaughlin@jbha.org</u>).

- 1. How do you feel about Cora's mother's decision to run away? How does your opinion of Cora's mother change once you've learned about her fate?
- 2. With whom do you connect most in the novel? Explain.

Optional, but recommended reading:

In Cold Blood, by Truman Capote The Bluest Eye, by Toni Morrison Frankenstein, by Mary Shelley Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain Breakfast of Champions, by Kurt Vonnegut Americanah, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie