

10TH GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING
Accelerated

The Underground Railroad, by Colson Whitehead (Note: Please get the physical book, not the electronic version. Please buy 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-two page response to **one** of the following questions. You must include two quotes from the book for support. The response is due the first day of class.

1. How does Cora feel about her mother's decision to run away? How is your opinion of Cora's mother impacted by the description of her grandmother as well as by what we learn about her fate?
2. At one point in the novel, the protagonist responds to a white woman's description of her by thinking, "I'm not the person you thought I was" (131). How does this also suggest how another character in the book might be misunderstood?

Optional, but recommended reading:

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