

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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### SUMMER READING PROJECT – ENGLISH

#### INCOMING FRESHMEN

**Welcome to Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education High School! The members of the English Department look forward to personally meeting you in September!!**

**DIRECTIONS:** Read one literary work of fiction and one nonfiction book from the list below for a total of two books. Be sure that you read titles listed for your grade level as of September; ask the librarian if you are unsure. Also, if you do not have an active library card, please obtain one during the summer.

**Assessment:** When you return to school in the fall, you will be tested on your summer reading assignment. This exam will be administered during the first marking period and will count as a test grade. In order to prepare for the exam you should take thorough, hand-written notes while you are reading. For each book that you read, your notes should include the title, author, names of the main characters, setting, theme and a brief description of the plot. In addition, you should maintain an ongoing list of new vocabulary words and their definitions.

#### Summer Reading – English for Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders

##### Fiction

Sherman Alexie: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Joan Bauer: *Peeled*

Caroline Cooney: *Hit the Road*

Chris Crutcher: *Running Loose*

Lois Duncan: *Don't Look Behind You*

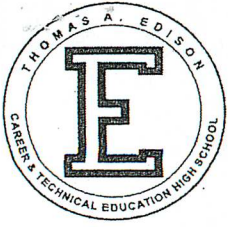
John Green: *Looking for Alaska*

Robin McKinley: *The Hero and the Crown*

Esmeralda Santiago: *When I Was Puerto-Rican*

Mark Twain: *Pudd'nhead Wilson*

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Nonfiction

Sherry Ayazzi-Hashjin: *Rap and Hip Hop: The Voice of a Generation*

Karen Blumenthal: *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America*

Michael D'Orso: *Eagle Blue*

Kathleen Finneran: *The Tender Land, A Family Love Story*

Ann Marie Fleming: *The Magical Life of Long Tack Sam*

Russell Freedman: *The Voice That Challenged a Nation*

Bethany Hamilton: *Soul Surfer: A Story of Faith, Family and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*

Kadir Nelson: *We Are the Ship: The Story of the Negro League Baseball*

Martha Tod Dudman: *Augusta, Gone: A True Story*