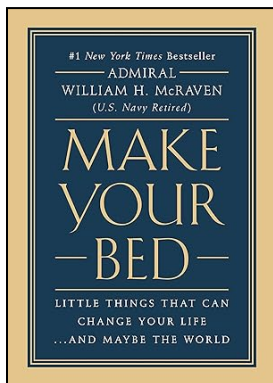




**11th Grade English
Summer Reading
2026**

Upper School Community Summer Read

Required of All Students



Title: *Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life... and Maybe the World*

Author: Admiral William H. McRaven

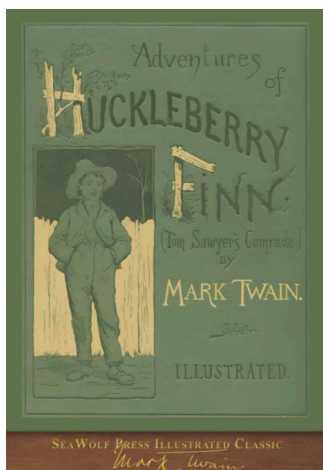
ISBN: 978-1455570249

Please note that the required reading is Admiral McRaven's book *Make Your Bed*, not the original speech or the companion piece, *Make Your Bed: A Daily Journal*.

Reading Deadline: Thursday, August 6, 2026

American Literature

Required of all Non-AP Students



Title: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Author: Mark Twain

ISBN: 978-1953649805

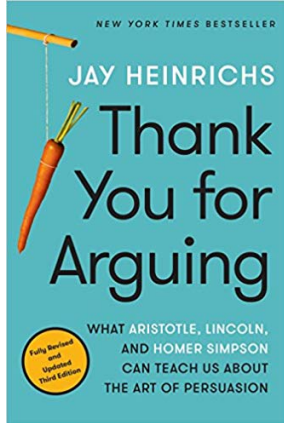
Click [HERE](#) for summary and assignment details.

For each chapter or chapter group, you will find a brief synopsis followed by discussion questions. The synopsis is simply an orientation, not a substitute for reading. The questions are meant to help you think before the first day of school.

Responses should be **typed** so students can upload them to their American Literature Google Classroom account on the first day of school.

AP English Language and Composition

Required of all AP Students



Title: *Thank You for Arguing, Third Edition: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion*

Author: Jay Heinrichs

ISBN: 978-1451673319

Assignment #1

As you read the book, identify the important bold terms, specifically in chapters 1-18. On note cards, write the term and its definition. You will use these terms as you begin your study of rhetoric in August.

Assignment #2

Watch a TED Talk of your choice.

Using the note cards you created from *Thank You for Arguing*, analyze the **style**, **structure**, and **content** of the presentation. Consider the rhetorical elements of the presentation, and write a one-page analysis of the talk.

Both assignments should be brought to class on the first day of school.