

Writing III Summer Reading Assignment

Students need to read:

Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

(Students may listen to an audio version of this novel but must follow along in their printed text.)

*****Please read the prompt below before reading the novel.**

Students should take notes (annotate) on the protagonist, Matilda (Mattie) Cook as they read. Note how this character changes throughout the novel. The progression of Mattie's character is outlined below.

Expository Prompt: Matilda (Mattie), the protagonist in *Fever 1793*, experiences significant challenges. As a result of these challenges, she transforms from a bratty teenager into a responsible young adult. Please write a paragraph for each of the following stages of Matilda's character.

- 1) Matilda as a bratty teenager.
- 2) Matilda the victim.
- 3) Matilda the survivor.
- 4) Matilda the caregiver.
- 5) Matilda the (young) adult.

Begin each paragraph with a strong assertion statement (topic sentence) that states the stage of Mattie's character you are focusing on. Then, support your topic sentence with evidence from the text and thoughtful commentary. You must use at least one quote from the text to support your topic. You will be writing a total of 5 paragraphs. Please hand write or type these paragraphs every other line (double spaced). Use proper sentence structure paying attention to grammar, spelling, and punctuation. This should be written in 3rd person (he, she, it, they perspective). DO NOT use the pronouns I, we, or you.

The summer reading assignment is due the first class period of the school year. This will be the first grade you receive, so please make sure to do your very best.