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**MIDDLE SCHOOL MANDATORY SUMMER READING FOR SOCIAL STUDIES  
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 8**

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**TO: Middle School Students and Parents/Guardians**

**DATE: May 2017**

**RE: Mandatory Summer Reading for Social Studies**

**MANDATORY SUMMER READING PROCEDURE FOR SOCIAL STUDIES FOR  
STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8 FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

- 1. STUDY GUIDES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN LATE MAY/EARLY JUNE.**
- 2. STUDENTS MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED STUDY GUIDE TO THEIR SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>. THIS WILL COUNT AS A QUIZ GRADE. STUDY GUIDES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> UNLESS A STUDENT IS ABSENT. NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS!**
- 3. DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, STUDENTS WILL WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT THE SUMMER READING BOOK. THIS WILL COUNT AS A TEST GRADE. TEACHERS WILL CREATE THE ESSAY TOPIC. ESSAYS WILL BE WRITTEN IN CLASS.**
- 4. THIS PROCEDURE APPLIES TO 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Thank you for your support,

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**Fever 1793**

**Laurie Halse Anderson**

**Study Guide**

**This study guide must be handed in to your social studies teachers no later than September 9, 2016.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fever 1793

by Laurie Halse Anderson

Summary: During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen... Then the fever breaks out.

Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. She soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

### Study Guide Questions

**These questions must be handed in to your social studies teacher no later than Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

1. Where does Matilda Live?

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2. What business does Matilda's family own?

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3. Why doesn't Polly show up for work?

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4. Why is Matilda's mother thinking of sending her to live with a family friend in the country?

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5. Who is the boy Matilda has a crush on?

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6. Aside from telling the time, why do the church bells ring?

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7. Who does Matilda's grandfather believe is to blame for the sickness circulating throughout the city?

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8. What do Matilda and her grandfather encounter on their walk home from the printer?

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9. What package did Matilda receive?

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10. How did Matilda and her grandfather end up stranded?

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11. What does Matilda use to try to catch fish?

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12. What is Bush Hill?

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13. What do Matilda and her grandfather discover when they return to the coffee house?

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14. What item does Matilda bury with her grandfather?

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15. With whom does Matilda reunite?

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16. Who is Joseph?

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17. Why does Dr. Rush want black people to help care for fever victims?

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18. What falls from the sky as Eliza and Matilda are walking home?

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19. Who is hidden behind the shutters in the house Matilda and Eliza pass on the way home?

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20. Who is making a profit off the yellow fever?

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21. Why does Matilda go to the market?

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22. What does Matilda enjoy at the end of each day?

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23. Why hasn't Matilda received a letter from her mother?

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24. Why does Matilda need a lawyer to make Eliza a full partner of the coffee house?

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25. What event sparks a massive return of the people to Philadelphia

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