

Incoming 8th Grade Summer Reading Packet 2026



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ELA Summer Reading

Directions: Read Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson. Complete the quizzes and final test found in this packet. We hope you enjoy the book!

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Quick Little Quiz

Chapters 1-3

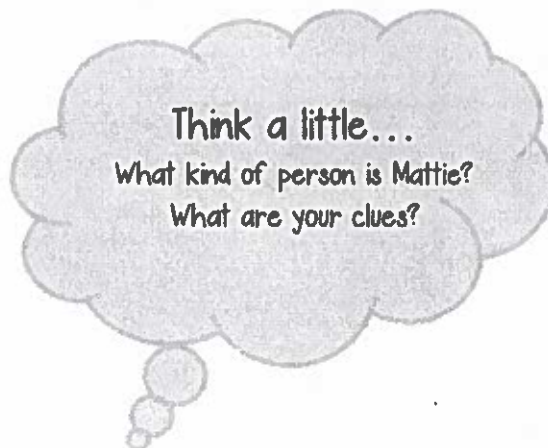


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1. The date of the first chapter is _____. The date of the Epilogue at the end is _____. The whole story takes about _____ months.
2. Matilda's family runs a _____. Her father _____.
3. When Matilda's mother went to see out why Polly was late, she found out _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. What do you know about Eliza?
 - a) She was a slave, but now is free.
 - b) She works for the Cooks.
 - c) She is Mattie's best friend.
5. Mattie's mother
 - a) Is a great cook.
 - b) Does not want Mattie to visit Polly's family.
 - c) Thinks Mattie is lazy.



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Chapters 4-5

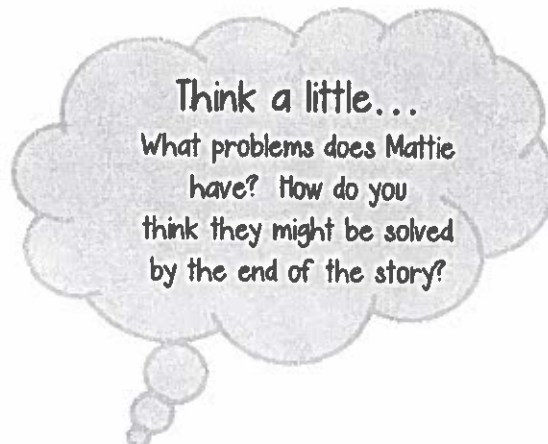


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1. Mattie's grandfather was an _____ who served under _____.
2. Mattie was in charge of taking care of the _____ and she helped with Polly's jobs.
3. Nathaniel Benson worked as a _____ and Mattie's mother thought he was _____ for Mattie.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. The men in the coffeehouse are talking about
 - a) Yellow fever.
 - b) A war that may be coming.
 - c) Politics.
5. The bell that tolled meant that
 - a) It was 4 O'clock.
 - b) Someone had died.
 - c) There was a town meeting.



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Chapters 6-7

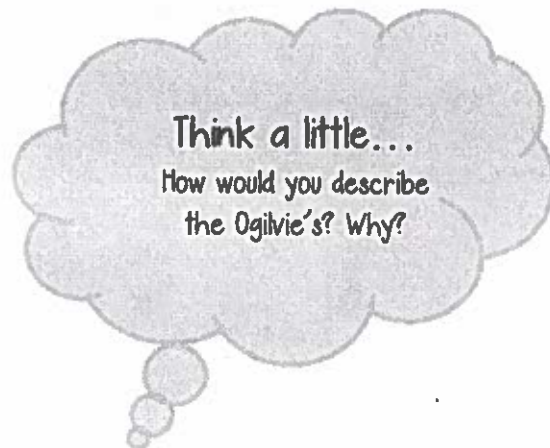


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1. Mother thought they should _____ their extra money, but Grandfather and Mattie thought they should use it to _____.
2. They went to the Ogilvie's because Mattie's mother thought _____.
3. Mrs. Ogilvie thought it was unfair that her gala suffered because the lower class _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Jeannine
 - a) Saw that Mattie's mother wanted a husband for Mattie.
 - b) Stuck her tongue out at Mattie.
 - c) Was a really sweet girl.
5. Colette
 - a) Was engaged to Lord Garthing's son.
 - b) Collapsed from the fever.
 - c) Was witty and smart.



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Chapters 8-9

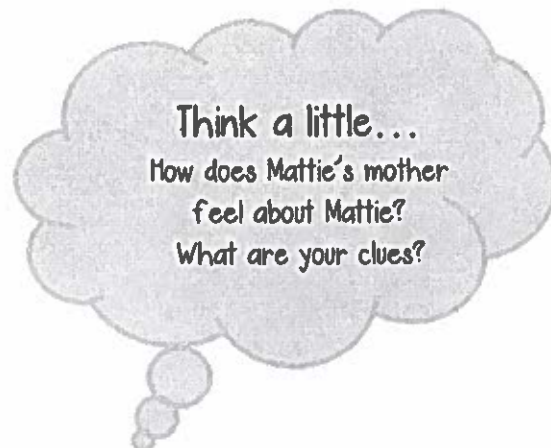


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1. Many of the wealthy families were _____.
2. The man pushing the cart dumped _____ in front of their house.
3. In the middle of the night Mother _____ and told Mattie to _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Who else was leaving town?
 - a) Nathaniel Benson
 - b) Jefferson
 - c) George Washington
5. Doctors were predicting there would be
 - a) Hundreds dead.
 - b) 1000 dead.
 - c) 40,000 dead.



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Chapters 10-11



Fill in the Blank

1. Dr. Kerr said Mother had _____ and treated her by _____.
2. Mattie and Grandfather left for the country, but they met soldiers who told them to _____ because they thought Grandfather had the fever.
3. The farmer drove off with their _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. What did Nathaniel give Mattie before she left?
 - a) A kiss
 - b) A painting and a letter
 - c) A promise to not get sick
5. Mother could not go with them because
 - a) She was too weak.
 - b) She refused to leave the coffeehouse.
 - c) No town would let her in because she was sick..

Think a little...

Do you think leaving was the
right thing to do?
Why or why not?

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Chapters 12-13



Fill in the Blank

1. When Grandfather _____ under a tree, Mattie found _____ using a soldier's trick. Nearby she found _____ bushes too.
2. What scared Mattie the most was Grandfather waiting for her to _____.
3. Mattie tried catching _____ with her petticoat.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Grandfather sent Mattie off to find
 - a) Help.
 - b) Food.
 - c) Flint and tinder.
5. Before Mattie got back, she
 - a) Found pears.
 - b) Collapsed.
 - c) Found a family who would help them.

Think a little...

What do you learn about Mattie
from these chapters?
Do her actions surprise you?
Why or why
not?

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Chapters 14-15



Fill in the Blank

1. When Mattie woke, she was in a mansion that had been turned into a _____. She was being cared for by _____ who was charmed with _____.
2. The French doctor did not bleed Mattie, but looked at the color of her _____.
3. The clerk wants Mattie to go _____, but _____ will care for her.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Where was Mattie's mother?
 - a) At home
 - b) Probably at the Ludington's farm
 - c) Dead from the fever
5. Where was Grandfather while Mattie was at the hospital?
 - a) Dead
 - b) Helping out around the hospital
 - c) In a bed near Mattie



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Chapters 16-17



Fill in the Blank

1. They rode back to the city with Mrs. Bowles and 5 _____. Mrs. Bowles asks if Mattie has considered what she can do to _____ because she cannot get the fever again.
2. Mattie's dream is to _____ until her mother gets home.
3. Their house had been _____, the food _____, but the _____ was still there.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Mrs. Bowles says Philadelphia is
 - a) Going to be back to normal in a few weeks.
 - b) More dangerous than a nightmare.
 - c) Full of thieves, wild men and fever victims.
5. How many people had died from the fever so far?
 - a) At least 2000
 - b) About 1000
 - c) Almost 500



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Chapters 18-19

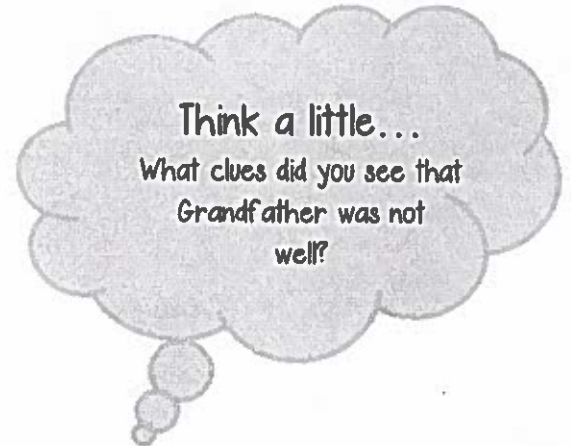


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1. Mattie took a _____ and found she fit into _____ quite well.
2. Grandfather tried to help garden, but his _____ wouldn't work, and he turned _____ in the sun.
3. Grandfather rescued Mattie from the _____ with his rifle, and she used his _____ to rescue him, but he _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Mattie was excited to find
 - a) Potatoes in the garden.
 - b) Squash.
 - c) Cucumbers.
5. The men wanted Mattie to tell them
 - a) Where Grandfather was.
 - b) Where their strongbox was.
 - c) Where the food was.



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Chapters 20-21

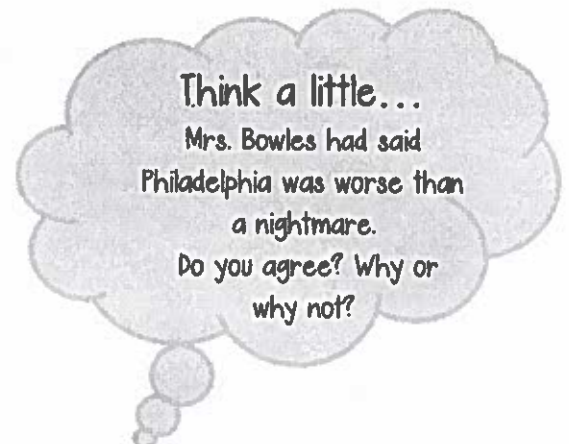


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1. Mattie put _____ in with Grandfather and read _____ before he was buried.
2. At the market, Mattie found _____.
3. The only place open was the _____ which was only open because it was the only _____ the city had with the outside world.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. What did Mattie find while she was wandering the streets?
 - a) A broken doll
 - b) A little girl
 - c) A dead woman
5. Who did Mattie find to help her?
 - a) Her mother
 - b) Mrs. Ogilvie
 - c) Eliza



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Chapters 22-23

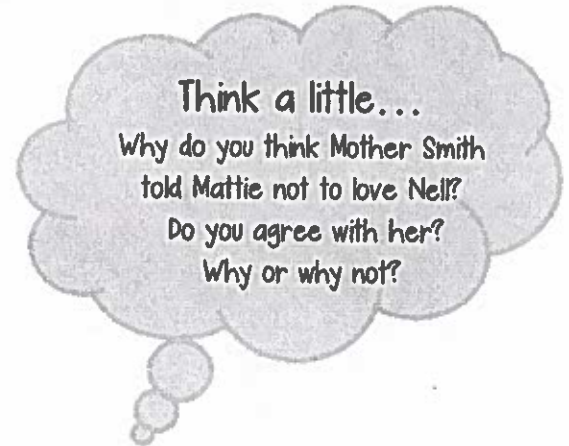


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1. Eliza told her that her mother had _____.
2. When Mattie took Nell to the _____ it was too crowded and they decided that _____ was the best thing to do.
3. When they walked past the Peale's house _____ pushed _____ out the window.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. The Free African Society members were helping with the fever
 - a) Because people thought Africans couldn't catch it.
 - b) Because it was a chance to show their usefulness.
 - c) Because they were forced to help.
5. What happened to Collette Ogilvie?
 - a) She died of the fever.
 - b) She had eloped with her French tutor.
 - c) She recovered and married Roger Garthing.



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Chapters 24-25



Fill in the Blank

1. When the boys and _____ get sick, they decided to go to _____ because _____ there.
2. Caring for the children was hard. _____ and _____ were running low.
3. Matilda found Nathaniel's _____ at the coffeehouse.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. Mattie went with Eliza to a house
 - a) Where the last person had died.
 - b) Where a man had gone mad before he died.
 - c) Full of sick soldiers.
5. Mattie and Eliza decided
 - a) Not to bleed the children because of the French doctors.
 - b) To take the children to Bush Hill.
 - c) To bring Mother Smith with them.



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Chapters 26-27

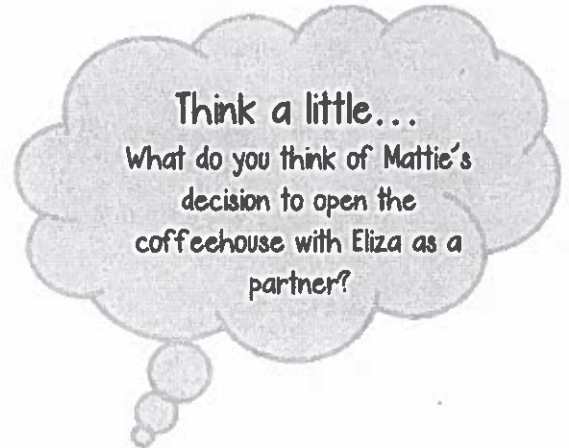


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1. When Mattie woke up, she found that _____ had finally come.
2. _____ started coming back to town, with food and lower prices. Eliza had an idea to have a _____ to celebrate.
3. Joseph said Mattie should _____ the coffeehouse, but she wanted to open it with _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. What did Mattie notice as people came back to town?
 - a) Those who had been gone were cheerful and well-fed.
 - b) Those who stayed were gaunt and pale.
 - c) No one was talking about the fever anymore.
5. Nathaniel
 - a) Walked Mattie home from the market.
 - b) Began to visit daily.
 - c) Decided to visit France to continue his education.



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Chapters 28-29 & Epilogue

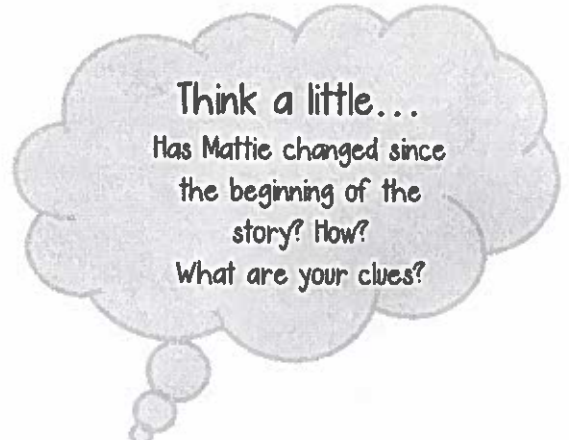


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1. The _____ was open and busy, and Mattie was busy giving out _____.
2. In the parade following the President was _____, who had recovered from the fever, but had almost died going out to search for _____.
3. The 6 people now living above the coffeehouse were _____.

Multiple Choice (Circle all that apply)

4. What was the sign it was truly safe to return to the city?
 - a) The market was open again.
 - b) General Washington was back.
 - c) The frost had come.
5. The doctor's orders were for Mother to
 - a) Get back to normal as much as possible.
 - b) Live a life of leisure.
 - c) Drink julap tea daily.



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1. Who was the first person to die?
 - a. Polly
 - b. Grandfather
 - c. Betty
 - d. Lucille
2. What are the Ogiviles daughter's names?
 - a. Jeannine and Collette
 - b. Collette and Jane
 - c. Jenny and Lisa
 - d. Amy and Priscilla
3. Who faints at tea?
 - a. Collette
 - b. Jeannine
 - c. Amy
 - d. Lisa
4. Who does Matilda have a crush on?
 - a. Nathaniel Benson
 - b. Nick Barry
 - c. William Kerry
 - d. Nahsahn Roberts
5. What is Eliza's occupation?
 - a. Painter
 - b. Seamstress
 - c. Cook
 - d. She doesn't work
6. How did Mattie's dad die?
 - a. Yellow fever
 - b. Heart attack
 - c. Fell off a ladder
 - d. Hit by a carriage
7. Where do Matilda and her grandfather leave Philly to go (where do they intend to go, but don't make it)?
 - a. Ludington Farm
 - b. Leavington Farm
 - c. Bush Hill Farm
 - d. Peale Farm
8. Who is the respectable doctor that visits Matilda's mom?
 - a. Dr. Rush
 - b. Dr. Kerr
 - c. Mr. Rowley
 - d. Dr. Adams

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9. Who is the drunk, dirty doctor?
 - a. Mr. Rowley
 - b. Dr. Rush
 - c. Dr. Kerr
 - d. Dr. Adams
10. Why are Matilda and her grandfather kicked out of the carriage on their way out of Philadelphia?
 - a. They had no money
 - b. They broke the carriage
 - c. Grandfather was sick
 - d. Matilda was sick
11. Why aren't towns letting people in?
 - a. They are afraid of overpopulation
 - b. They have no more room
 - c. They don't want fever victims there
 - d. They are rude
12. How long is the post office closed?
 - a. It's not
 - b. Until Christmas
 - c. One week
 - d. Two days
13. What does Matilda try to catch a fish with?
 - a. Her shoe
 - b. A net
 - c. Her petticoat
 - d. Her bonnet
14. What does Matilda find by the willow trees?
 - a. Rabbits
 - b. People
 - c. Raspberries
 - d. Bread
15. Where does Matilda go to recover?
 - a. Bush Hill
 - b. Barn Hill
 - c. Barnstable
 - d. Dockside Hill
16. What do Grandfather and Matilda find at their house when they return?
 - a. Someone cleaned it for them
 - b. Someone stocked it with food
 - c. They've been robbed
 - d. It was turned into a hospital

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17. How does Grandfather die?
 - a. Heart attack
 - b. Yellow Fever
 - c. Being attacked by an intruder
 - d. Old age
18. What clothes does Mattie bury Grandfather in?
 - a. A suit
 - b. His army uniform
 - c. His pajamas
 - d. Sweatpants
19. Who does Mattie find on the side of the road alone?
 - a. William
 - b. Nell
 - c. Joseph
 - d. Randy
20. Who does Eliza live with?
 - a. Her uncle
 - b. Nobody
 - c. Her sister
 - d. Her brother
21. What happened to Joseph's wife?
 - a. She left the family
 - b. She died from yellow fever
 - c. She died during childbirth
 - d. She was kidnapped
22. Who takes care of the kids while Eliza/Joseph are out?
 - a. Mother Wallace
 - b. Mother Smith
 - c. Mother Washington
 - d. Mother Sella
23. What is the scandal with the Ogivile family?
 - a. Collette cheated on her fiancé
 - b. Collette is pregnant
 - c. The father left the family
 - d. They're broke
24. What's Nathaniel's job?
 - a. Chef
 - b. Construction
 - c. Painter
 - d. Politician

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25. Why doesn't Mattie leave Nell at the orphanage?
- a. The orphanage is closed
 - b. She can't find it
 - c. She feels responsible for Nell
 - d. The lady at the orphanage is scary
26. Where do Mattie and Eliza bring the boys when they get sick?
- a. Bush Hill
 - b. The orphanage
 - c. The coffeehouse
 - d. By the river
27. Who does Mattie decide to make a partner at the coffee house?
- a. Grandfather
 - b. Eliza
 - c. Nathaniel
 - d. Lucille
28. Why does Joseph say the partners need a contract to co-own the coffeehouse?
- a. He doesn't trust Matilda
 - b. Racism in the town would make people suspicious
 - c. Matilda is underage
 - d. Every business needs one
29. How did the townspeople know the fever is over?
- a. There was an announcement
 - b. It was in the newspaper
 - c. President Washington came back to town
 - d. A messenger went to each house
30. Where was mother this whole time?
- a. Ludington Farm
 - b. Leavington Farm
 - c. Bush Hill Farm
 - d. Peale Farm

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Over the course of 3 months Matilda experienced many difficult situations. How has Matilda changed from the beginning of the novel until the end? What is different about her?

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