

Summer Reading 2011: Dive into a Good Book

Below is the summer reading list for the seventh grade students. Two books will be read over summer vacation. This year all students are to read the first book and complete the attached multiple choice test. For the second book, students may choose from the list provided. After reading the second book, students will choose one activity to complete. All projects and multiple choice tests are due on Friday, September 9, 2011.



Book One (Required)

Read *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Answer the questions that are attached. Turn it in by September 9, 2011

Book Two

Choose one of the following books and a project to complete. These projects will be presented to fellow classmates as an oral presentation on the due date Friday, September 9, 2011. Projects will be graded according to the rubric that will be available on the seventh grade page of the school website over the summer.

Seventh Grade Reading List

- *True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
- *Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt
- *Heat* by Mike Lupicia
- *Running Out of Time* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz



Project Choices for Book 2

- **Mobile** - Make a mobile that displays three major choices the main character made throughout the book. Label the top of the mobile with the name of the book title, the author's name and your name. Hang from the mobile a hand-drawn illustration of each choice made by the character.
- **Dear Diary** - Take on the identity of one of your book's major or main characters and write at least four entries of at least 100 words per entry in the diary of that person. Write as your character would have written, using style and language of your character. Entries should be dated and cover the events that occur throughout the book.
- **New Book Cover**- If you would like to try your hand at creating a new cover, now is your chance. Do not forget to use the space on the front and back flaps to add information to your project. Such information would be author biography, book reviews, etc... Look at books for examples.
- **Diorama**- Create a diorama for an important scene in the book. This is a miniature scene using dried or living plants, small figures, and background pictures, etc., to create a three-dimensional effect.



Name _____ Date _____

Fever, 1793 Test

1. What caused Mattie to lose the fish she was trying to catch?
 - a. She slipped on a rock and fell in the water
 - b. King George swooped at her head and she fell in the water.
 - c. The fish jumped at Mattie and swam away.
 - d. The net she was using broke.

2. What always killed the fever?
 - a. bleeding
 - b. frost
 - c. rain
 - d. antibiotics

3. What was delivered to the coffeehouse when Mattie and her grandfather were returning from the printers?
 - a. potatoes
 - b. coffee
 - c. her mother
 - d. Nathaniel

4. What was the name of the man who changed Bush Hill?
 - a. Dr. Rush
 - b. Mr. Girard
 - c. Dr. Bush
 - d. Mr. Rowley

5. Who were the two “mighty” men who had taken ill from Yellow Fever?
 - a. Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin
 - b. Dr. Rush and Alexander Hamilton
 - c. George Washington and Thomas Jefferson
 - d. Thomas Jefferson and Dr. Rush

6. Matilda was excited about seeing the Willow tree because
 - a. it provided shade for her mother
 - b. there would be water
 - c. she and Grandfather could hide under it.
 - d. she could use the bark for soup

7. Where did the clerk want to send Mattie after she had recovered from the Yellow Fever?
 - a. An Orphanage
 - b. The Coffeehouse
 - c. The Barn
 - d. Bush Hill

8. What did Mattie see that caused her to want to stop the carriage on her way home from Bush Hill?
- Her mother on the sidewalk
 - Nathanial looking out a window
 - Eliza struggling with her children
 - A dead man on the sidewalk
9. Why weren't fever victims receiving church services at their burial?
- Most preachers are too sick to attend to the dead.
 - Most families couldn't afford the cost.
 - Most preachers had fled the city.
 - Most preachers had died from the fever.
10. What was Potter's Field?
- Part of the Market
 - Part of the Hospital
 - A place to bury the dead
 - A farm outside the city
11. What are the three things a soldier must have?
- boots, full belly, warm fire
 - boots, full belly, decent night sleep
 - full belly, warm fire, decent sleep
 - warm food, warm boots, warm horse
12. Which group did Eliza belong to?
- Free African-American Society
 - Free American Society
 - Free People Sociey
 - Free African Society
13. "His hest rattled with every breath, and his face was the color of spoiled cream," shows that
- Grandfather had yellow fever
 - Grandfather was wanting milk
 - Grandfather was exhausted from cleaning the coffeehouse
 - Grandfather was becoming very ill
14. How did Mattie feel after finding potatoes in the garden?
- tired
 - worried
 - angry
 - excited

15. Why did Mattie only bathe once a month?
- she was a very clean lady
 - she didn't need to
 - taking a bath was a hard task to complete
 - soap was very expensive
16. What would be the reason for tying a yellow ribbon to a home's door?
- someone was missing from the home.
 - someone had yellow fever
 - people were fine in the home
 - one of the men were fighting in the War.
17. Why did the men enter the coffeehouse through the window?
- the door was broken
 - they wanted to scare Mattie
 - they wanted to steal the valuables
 - they were looking for Grandfather
18. When Mattie stopped the men from burying Grandfather without a proper prayer what did we learn about her character?
- she was maturing
 - she was childish
 - she was stubborn
 - she was shy
19. According to Mr. Brown, how many people had fled the city during the fever panic?
- 40,000
 - Not that many
 - 30,000
 - 20,000
20. What did Mattie find in the alley that had a huge impact on her?
- A doll
 - A dog
 - A kitten
 - A girl
21. What rumor was false, according to Eliza?
- Africans couldn't get the fever.
 - Africans were fleeing from the city in large numbers.
 - Africans didn't really help the fever victims.
 - Female Africans made the best homemade bread.

- 22.** Why was it so important to Mattie to awake and find frost layering the ground?
- a.** Frost meant the vegetables would grow.
 - b.** Frost would cool the hot coffeehouse
 - c.** Frost meant the fever would go away.
 - d.** Frost meant Silas would catch more birds.
- 23.** Who does Mattie meet in the Market?
- a.** Mother
 - b.** Nathaniel
 - c.** Eliza
 - d.** Grandfather
- 24.** Why does Mattie offer to make Eliza a partner in the coffeehouse?
- a.** Mattie trusts Eliza
 - b.** Mattie needs the money Eliza would pay her.
 - c.** Mother wants to make sure Eliza is taken care of.
 - d.** Mattie needs to make sure Mother is well taken care of by Eliza.
- 25.** What was our first example of foreshadowing in the book?
- a.** Mattie bumping her head.
 - b.** The yellow balloon
 - c.** Silas killing the mouse
 - d.** Mattie bitten by a mosquito
- 26.** Who was the first person to die from the fever?
- a.** Nell
 - b.** Polly
 - c.** Silas
 - d.** Eliza
- 27.** Why were Grandfather and Mattie kicked off the wagon?
- a.** Mattie was coughing too much.
 - b.** Grandfather wouldn't wake up.
 - c.** Mattie's eyes were yellow.
 - d.** Grandfather had the summer grippe.
- 28.** What happened to Colette at the tea party?
- a.** She fainted
 - b.** She died.
 - c.** She ran from the room
 - d.** She got into an argument with her mother

29. What did the tolling of the bell symbolize?

- a. wedding ceremony
- b. funeral service
- c. death of a person
- d. birth of a child

30. What was mother sick with?

- a. summer grippe
- b. exhaustion
- c. flu
- d. yellow fever

Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper (loose leaf or printed from the computer). Use **complete** sentences.

1. What was Philadelphia like in 1793? What were the advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside outside of Philadelphia?
2. How was the life of a fourteen-year-old in 1793 different from the life of a fourteen-year-old today? In which period would you rather live? Why?
3. Mattie's grandfather didn't think there was any need to rush out of Philadelphia when the fever started to spread. Why did some people think it was safe to stay? What would you have done?
4. The Free African Society volunteered to take care of the sick and bury the dead, even though there was no cure for yellow fever. Why did they do that? Would you have helped?

