Fever 1793: Incoming Grade 6 Summer Reading Assignment

- Select one of these prompts.
- Answer them using 10 sentences or more on a lined sheet of paper
- Use quotes from the text to support your points.

**Due:** 1st day of school

**PROMPT 1:** Matilda changes a great deal from the beginning of the novel until its end. Give three specific examples of those changes and relate them to the types of conflicts she has faced.

**PROMPT 2:** During the story, the people of Philadelphia face many dangers, including the risks of disease, starvation, robbery, and assault. Describe a dramatic incident in which Matilda faced one of these dangers and point out the personal qualities that help her survive.

**PROMPT 3:** What was Philadelphia like in 1793? What were the advantages and disadvantages of living in the countryside outside of Philadelphia? In good times, how are the farmers outside the city dependent on the city dwellers of Philadelphia? (around pages 116, 155-156, 211??)

**PROMPT 4:** The exposition and initial rising action events take place in the Cook Coffeehouse. Describe the activities that go on there before, during, and after the guests arrive.

**PROMPT 5:** Throughout the book, Matilda and her mother never say they love each other, yet the readers know they do. What evidence is there in the novel to support that the two love one another?

**PROMPT 6:** How might the story be different if Mattie’s mother had stayed healthy and remained with her daughter at all times during the novel?

**PROMPT 7:** How was the life of a fourteen-year-old in 1793 different from the life of a fourteen-year-old today? In which time period would you rather live? Why?

**PROMPT 8:** The color yellow is used throughout the story. What does it symbolize? What other symbols are used in the book?

**PROMPT 9:** During the Revolutionary War, women took on tasks that were traditionally performed by men. After the War, they were expected to go back to their spinning wheels and kitchens. How are Mattie’s dreams in conflict with her society’s expectations of young women? Why does Mattie’s mother want a different life for her daughter?

**PROMPT 10:** Choose one of the themes below and write how the novel demonstrates this theme.

1. Well behaved children are seen and not heard.
2. While suffering is a part of life, we should do everything in our power to ease the pain of others.
3. Actions speak louder than words.
4. Being an adult means caring more about others than you do about yourself.
5. When the lives of those you love are in danger, any actions in order to protect them are morally acceptable.
6. There is usually some truth to rumors.
7. It is not until you are tested by life that you understand how strong you truly are.
8. Young adults are usually underestimated by adults.
9. Females are as strong as males.
10. It is important to dream about our future even if those dreams don’t come true because it gives us hope.

This is your first grade of the quarter.

See below for how your assignment will be graded.

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