

Fever 1793 Summer Reading Packet

Multiple Choice:

1. What Kind of business do Mattie and her mother run?
 - a. Coffeehouse
 - b. Milliners
 - c. Tavern
 - d. General Store
2. Mattie's Grandfather owned a pet parrot. What was his name?
 - a. Polly
 - b. Ruffles
 - c. Grandfather Jr.
 - d. King George
3. What rank was Mattie's grandfather in the army?
 - a. Captain
 - b. Sergeant
 - c. General
 - d. Private
4. What month did the fever start?
 - a. September
 - b. June
 - c. August
 - d. July
5. What caused the fever?
 - a. Flies
 - b. Dirty living conditions
 - c. Mosquitoes
 - d. Hot Weather
6. What is the name of Mattie's Family's pet cat?
 - a. Kittle
 - b. Darla
 - c. Puss
 - d. Silas
7. What is the name of the little girl Mattie rescues?
 - a. Polly
 - b. She is mute so they never find out
 - c. Eliza
 - d. Nell
8. What are the names of Joseph's twin sons?
 - a. Robert and William
 - b. Luke and Peter
 - c. Joseph Jr. and Jacob
 - d. Joseph Jr. and John
9. What famous person lived only two blocks away from the coffee house?
 - a. George Washington
 - b. John Adams

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- c. Benjamin Franklin
 - d. Dr. Benjamin Rush
10. Who does Mattie have a crush on?
- a. Joseph
 - b. King George
 - c. William
 - d. Nathaniel Benson
11. What big decision did Mattie make in the end?
- a. To make Eliza a partner in the Cook Coffeehouse
 - b. To leave her home because it had sad memories
 - c. To move in with Joseph and his sons permanently
 - d. To get married

Short Answer: Answer in complete sentences.

12. Toward the beginning of the story, Mattie wants to go to the market place in town. Why does she want to go there?

13. Why does Mrs. Cook want Mattie to join her for tea at the Ogilvies'? Why does Matilda agree to join her that afternoon?

14. Authors sometimes subject their characters to difficult tasks. What are two tasks Mattie accomplishes?

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Expository Essay Topic

Writing Situation: Matilda Cook had a lot to worry about during the summer of 1793. In a very short amount of time she had to mature in order to survive an epidemic that was sweeping her town.

Directions for Writing: In an essay, explain how Matilda's life would have changed if Mrs. Cook had stayed healthy and remained with her daughter at all times during the story.

Student Writing Checklist for Expository Writing

Prepare Yourself to Write

- Read the Writing Situation and Directions for Writing carefully.
- Brainstorm for ideas.
- Decide what ideas to include and how to organize them.
- Write only in English.

Make Your Paper Meaningful

- Use your knowledge and/or personal experiences that are related to the topic.
- Explain, clarify, and define your ideas.
- Establish a clear controlling idea.
- Fully develop your controlling idea with specific, supporting details.
- Organize your ideas in a clear and logical order.
- Write an expository essay and stay on topic.

Make Your Paper Interesting to Read

- Think about what would be interesting to the reader.
- Use a lively writing voice that shows your interest in the topic.
- Use precise, descriptive, vivid words.
- Vary the type, structure, and length of your sentences.

Make Your Paper Easy to Read

- Indent to start a new paragraph.
- Use effective transitions.
- Write in complete and correct sentences.
- Capitalize, spell, and punctuate correctly.
- Make sure your subjects and verbs agree.

