



The King's Christian 8th Grade Summer Reading 2025

Proverbs 1:5 (ESV) - "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance."

Dear 8th Grade Students, Parents, and Guardians,

One of our goals at The King's Christian School is to help students realize the benefits of reading. We believe you want to be fruitful in whatever you undertake in life. To become a more knowledgeable individual, a more empathetic listener, and a stronger writer who can impact the world for Christ, take some time this summer to practice one of the simplest, most time-proven methods for a lifetime of growth – **READ!**

All 8th grade students are required to read two books this summer. One is a required text and the other is a choice text.

Book #1: Required Text:

- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

***Please note:** Students will need to purchase a printed copy of the required text, *Fever 1793*, as they will be **TESTED** on it and asked to complete short assignments on it during the first few weeks of school.

Book #2: Choice Text & Assignment: Your book must follow the following criteria...

- Located in the Teen/Young Adult section (or higher) of the library or bookstore.
- Can be fiction or nonfiction but must be written in the form of a narrative (story).
- Not a book you have read before.
- Minimum 200 pages.
- Approved by your parents.

Fever 1793 Assignment Instructions: DUE the 1st day of school

- As you read *Fever 1793*, gradually type up your responses to the questions from the next page on your own document.

Choice Text Assignment Instructions: DUE the 1st day of school

- Read your book. Then, thoroughly fill out the "Choice Novel: Reading Report Form" at the end of this document.

Additional Information: If you have any questions about the summer reading assignments, please feel free to email me at smcquoid@tkcs.org.



Questions - *Fever 1793*
(This assignment is due on the first day of school).

Chapters 1-3

Write a short paragraph (4-7 sentences) explaining the setting and main characters of the story. Do we know any main conflicts so far? Are there any predictions you would make about the story so far?

Chapters 4-7

Write a short paragraph (4-7 sentences) explaining the events of this section. What explanations are offered for the spreading disease? How is it affecting everyone's life? What are Matilda's plans for her life? Are they the same as her mother's plans? Use specific details in your answers.

Chapters 8-11

Write 3-5 sentences explaining what is happening as a result of the fever. (Consider/include the mayor's orders, the situation of the wealthy vs. that of the poor, the situation of Matilda's family, etc.)

Chapters 12-16

Write a short paragraph (4-7 sentences) explaining what happens to Matilda and Grandfather when they leave the city. Write of specific events. Do you have any predictions about life when they return to Philadelphia?

Chapters 17-22

Write a short paragraph (4-7 sentences) describing the conditions in Philadelphia upon Matilda's return to the city. What events happen when she gets back? Who is Nell? Who reunites with Mattie?

Chapters 23-end

Write a short paragraph (4-7 sentences) explaining Matilda's life at the end of the book compared with the beginning of the story. Has she changed? What difficult choices or circumstances was she facing? What is her plan for the future? What does her family look like now?



Name: _____

Choice Novel: Reading Report Form
(This assignment is due the first day of school)

Title: _____

Author: _____

Why did you choose this book (2-3 sentences)? _____

Genre: Circle any of the following words that apply to this book:

History Adventure Romance Mystery Horror Science Fiction Humor

List 3 other words that more accurately describe the book: _____

At what point in the book did you become invested or interested in the story? Be as specific as possible (2-3 sentences): _____

Write 1 quote from the book that represents the main theme: _____

Explain HOW this quote represents the book's theme (4-5 sentences): _____

