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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

Fever 1793

Author:

Laurie Halse Anderson

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.

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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

How does Polly's death change the mood of the story, and what questions does it raise for Mattie?

Example answer: Polly's death makes the story feel much more serious and scary. Before this, Mattie is mostly thinking about chores, food, and her own plans. After Polly dies, I can tell that the fever is not just a rumor anymore. Mattie wonders how someone young and healthy could die so suddenly, and that makes the reader worry too.

How to Answer (continued)

What does Mattie learn about the Free African Society and the people helping fever victims?

Example answer: I think Mattie learns that many people are being brave and helpful even when it is dangerous. The Free African Society helps sick families instead of running away from them. This shows Mattie that courage can mean taking care of others. It also helps her see that the city has good people working together during a terrible time.

When Mattie's mother comes back, how have both Mattie and Mother changed?

Example answer: When Mother comes back, she is much weaker than she was at the beginning of the book. Mattie has changed too because she is no longer just a girl who needs to be told what to do. She has survived sickness, cared for children, and made hard choices. I think Mother can see that Mattie has become more responsible and strong.

Chapter 1

At the beginning of the story, what do Mattie's chores and feelings about the coffeehouse show about her daily life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 29

What is one theme of the whole book, such as courage, family, or survival? Explain using Mattie's journey.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

How does Polly's death change the mood of the story, and what questions does it raise for Mattie?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Grandfather encourages Mattie to think big about the coffeehouse. What does this tell you about both characters?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 28

What plans does Mattie make for the coffeehouse, and how do they show her new confidence?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 27

When Mattie's mother comes back, how have both Mattie and Mother changed?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

What signs show that fear of fever is growing in Philadelphia, and how do people react?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

During tea with the Ogilvie family, how does Mattie feel, and why might this visit matter to her mother?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 26

What does Mattie learn about hope as the city begins to recover?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 25

How does Nathaniel's return affect Mattie, and what does their friendship add to the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

When illness comes closer to Mattie's family, how do Mattie and her mother respond differently?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

What do you predict will happen after Mattie and Grandfather leave the city? Use details from the chapter.

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 24

What changes when the first frost arrives, and why is it important to the people of Philadelphia?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 23

How does caring for Nell and the twins help Mattie grow up?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

How does the trip out of Philadelphia become harder than Mattie expected?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

What does Mattie's sickness and time outdoors reveal about her strength and her need for help?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

What does the word perseverance mean, and how does Mattie show perseverance in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

When more children become sick, what difficult choices do Mattie and Eliza have to make?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

At Bush Hill, how are Mattie's ideas about the fever hospital different from what she actually finds?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

How do the people caring for the sick show courage in this chapter?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Compare Joseph's home with the coffeehouse. How do these places feel different to Mattie?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Why does Mattie decide to help Nell, and what does this choice show about her character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

When Mattie and Grandfather return to the coffeehouse, what has changed, and how does Mattie react?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

What does the empty or changed city help you understand about the fever epidemic?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

How does Mattie deal with grief after Grandfather's death?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

How does the break-in at the coffeehouse create danger and change Mattie's life?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

How does Mattie show independence when she tries to get food or supplies?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

What role does Eliza play in Mattie's life, and why is their friendship important?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

What does Mattie learn about the Free African Society and the people helping fever victims?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
