

8th Grade Summer Reading 2025-2026 Guidelines

Required Reading:

- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

“During the summer of 1793, Mattie Cook lives above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spends her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. But then the fever breaks out.

Disease sweeps the streets, destroying everything in its path and turning Mattie's world upside down. At her feverish mother's insistence, Mattie flees the city with her grandfather. But she soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease..” (Amazon)

<https://www.amazon.com/Fever-1793-Laurie-Halse-Anderson/dp/0689848919>

Required Reading Assignment:

As you read each chapter, look for the sentence or section that jumps out at you. Write a brief note about what is happening in the story so you can remember what you were thinking. (If nothing jumps out at you by the time you have finished reading each chapter, then go back and FIND something to respond to.)

You must:

- Write 5 sentences to explain each connection.
- Give the page number, paragraph, or line number of the part you are responding to.
- Mention which type of connection (Text-to-Text, Text-to-Self, or Text-to-World) you are using (Types of Connections page attached as final page of summer reading list).

***Note: This is not a summary about the chapters. This is about the different kind of connections you can make to the story.**

Types of Connections:

1. Text-to-Self: these are connections that we make between the text and our own life or experiences. Ask yourself the following questions to make Text-to-Self connections:

- What does this remind me of in my life?
- What is this similar to in my life?
- How is this different from my life?
- Has something like this ever happened to me?
- How does this relate to my life?
- What were my feelings when I read this?

2. Text-to-Texts: these are connections that we make between the text we are reading and something we have read in the past. Use the following sentence starters to make these kinds of connections:

- What does this remind me of in another book I've read?
- How is this text similar to other things I've read?
- How is this different from other books I've read?
- Have I read about something like this before?

3. Text-to-World: these are connections that we make between the text and what we know about the world around us. As you read, you may be reminded of something you saw on t.v., heard on the news, or even learned in another class. Use the following sentence stems to make text-to-world connections:

- What does this remind me of in the real world?
- How is this text similar to things that happen in the real world?
- How is this different from things that happen in the real world?
- How did that part relate to the world around me?