

## Fever 1793 Internet Hunt

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Based on the novel by Laurie Halse Anderson

**Directions:** Use the [links](#) provided to find the answers to the questions. Harness the Back button of your browser to return to this page. Bookmark the hunt for quick returns.

1. In the opening chapter, Matilda's clothing is described. It is different from the clothes we wear today. [List 4 articles of clothing worn in the 18th century that we no longer regularly wear.](#)

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2. Yellow Fever is still a serious health risk today. [What percentage of victims die today?](#)

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List two preventative actions that can be taken to control outbreaks of yellow fever.

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TAI (Think about it) Name another disease spread by mosquitoes.

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3. Poor Matilda. She is beset by an abundance of rules of behavior. So was George Washington. He had to write down all 110! [Read number 16.](#) Does it still apply today?

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4. Explore the [author's web site](#). Write 4 facts about her.

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5. Use the [Botanical.com site](#) to learn about the medicines prescribed in the story.

What part of the Jalap plant was used as medicine?

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What part of the camomile? What does it smell like?

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What part of myrrh? (myrrh baths)

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6. Dr. Benjamin Rush was an important figure in American history. [List three facts about him.](#)

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7. Matilda had Hoe cake for breakfast.

[What are the ingredients?](#)

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[How did it get its name?](#)

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A common food served during the time was Welsh Rabbit. [How many rabbits are needed to make it?](#)

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8. [What was this epidemic that struck](#) the city of Philadelphia?

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When did it occur?

How many died?

[Name one other illness](#) that has grown to an epidemic in Philadelphia.

9. In the story, bells are rung to honor the dead. [What is the most famous bell in Philadelphia?](#)

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Write 3 interesting facts about that historic bell.

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10. The Cook Coffeehouse was located at High St. and Seventh St. But High St. has a more common name today. [What is it?](#)

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11. What is the current name of the place [Grandfather was buried](#)? What monument is located there that makes this place especially appropriate?

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If you are questioning how I selected this place, read Chapter 20, page 151. [Consult the map.](#)

12. Did [free blacks](#) help the sick as described in the story?

How did some whites behave after the [crisis passed](#)?

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13. [Name](#) another printer working in Philadelphia at that time. What is one of his most famous publications?

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14. Vocabulary: Write the definitions of the following words: <http://www.dictionary.com> or <http://www.wordcentral.com/>

a. stout (p19) \_\_\_\_\_

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b. pummeled (p.33) \_\_\_\_\_

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c. delectables (p.18) \_\_\_\_\_

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d. miasma (p19) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge:** Do you believe Anderson accurately presented life in Philadelphia in 1793? Support your answer. ([Obtain some helpful info here.](#))

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## Writing activities:

Write a biography of one of the characters Use the resources at [Biography Maker](#)

Write a [condolence letter](#) to Matilda. [Advice on writing a condolence letter](#)

Research an [infectious disease](#).

## Challenge:

Name a founding person for your community. When was your community founded?

## Explorations:

Take a virtual tour of [Historic Philadelphia](#).

[Revolutionary Americans Hunt](#) - pdf

[Fever 1793 Webquest](#)

Learn more about [Colonial Currency](#)

[Mosquitoes and Disease](#)

[Plants and People](#) - plants have offered many cures and treatments

[Benjamin Franklin Extraordinary - pbl project](#)

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