

Health Enrichment Activity – Infectious Diseases

Based on the novel *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

Matilda's family is stricken with Yellow Fever. Infectious diseases kill millions of people each year. Write a report on one of these infectious diseases: Smallpox, Poliomyelitis, Measles, Yellow Fever, Plague, Tuberculosis, Influenza, West Nile Virus, Ebola, Malaria, Tetanus, Rabies, Hepatitis A/B/C, Meningitis, Upper Respiratory Infections.

Get the facts - World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/en/>

Center for Disease Control <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/student.htm>

Rx For Survival: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/rxforsurvival/>

Disease: _____

Continent(s) where it is found: _____

Number of cases annually: _____

Number of deaths annually: _____

How is the disease transmitted? _____

How can the disease be prevented? _____

Is there a vaccine? _____

Who should get the immunization? _____

Describe the roadblocks to immunizing people. _____

Symptoms of the disease: _____

Treatment: _____

What are the disabilities that can occur if a person contracts the disease?

Explain how this disease is or is not a threat to your community.
