

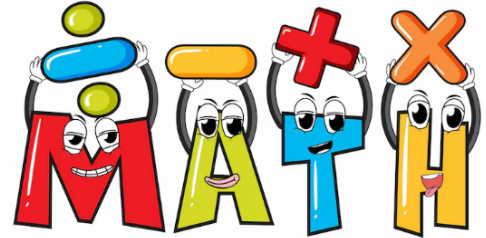
## Rising 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignments

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade! You have two summer assignments.

### Assignment # 1 - Math

#### Complete Math Practice Booklet

Complete the math practice booklet you received in 4th grade. The math booklet has review problems to practice over the summer to help you remember your math. Complete the entire booklet and turn it in on the first day of school.



### Assignment #2 - Reading

#### Read Fever 1793 by *Laure Halse Anderson*



**Fever 1793** takes place in Philadelphia during the summer of 1793. Mattie Cook lived above the family coffee shop with her widowed mother and grandfather. Mattie spent her days avoiding chores and making plans to turn the family business into the finest Philadelphia has ever seen. Then the fever broke 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. She soon discovers that the sickness is everywhere, and Mattie must learn quickly how to survive in a city turned frantic with disease.

Choose either **Option A** or **Option B** to fulfill your reading requirement.

The two options are very different from one another, but you only need to complete one to earn full credit for the novel reading assignment.

#### **OPTION A - Writing Paragraphs**

Answer 4 of the following questions from the novel. You may choose to handwrite your answers using print or cursive or you may type your answers if you prefer.

Each response should be at least one paragraph. You must respond to four questions. You do not need to respond to all 6 questions. Choose the 4 questions you like the best and respond to those questions.

**Question options (Choose and answer four of these)**

1. Identify one person you thought to be a hero from this novel and explain why.
2. Throughout the book, Mattie and her mother never say they love each other yet we know they do. What evidence is there in the story that the two feel deeply for each other.
3. Mattie is separated from her mother for several months. What do you think would be your greatest challenge if you were separated from your parents or guardians for an extended period of time? Explain.
4. If you were living in Philadelphia during this time, would you leave or would you stay in the city? Explain your reasoning.
5. The postal service was shut down during the yellow fever epidemic in this story. This changed their lives in significant ways. Think about how communication has changed from now to 1793. How would you survive today if all means of communication, including the internet and phone were eliminated.
6. During the story, the people of Philadelphia face many dangers including the risks of starvation, disease, robbery and assault. Which of Mattie's personality traits were most helpful to her survival during the fever of 1793?

Be sure to identify which question you are answering in your response. Make sure it is legible, written in complete sentences and is at least one paragraph long.

### **OPTION B- Create A Community Information Poster**

Research the causes and symptoms of yellow fever. Pretend there is a yellow fever outbreak in your community today. You will need to inform your community of the symptoms of the disease and how to protect themselves.

Please create a poster to inform the public about what they need to know about yellow fever and how to protect themselves from this disease.

Make the poster visually interesting and informative. Know that public health posters need to catch people's attention and give them accurate, easy to remember information. Be creative.

If you choose this option, please do not make the poster larger than a regular sized poster board (22"x28")

