



7th grade
Turn of River Middle School
2017 Summer Reading



Students entering 7th grade at Turn of River Middle School will be required to read the novel Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson.

Link to online text: <http://daal.deltaschools.com/content/fever-online-book.pdf>

ALL DIARY ENTRIES DUE ON SEPTEMBER 6th!

ASSIGNMENT:

Directions: You will write a diary entry in which you develop the perspective of one character in any scene or chapter of the novel. What does the character you chose think and feel? Please be as detailed as possible.

In order to complete the assignment, you must:

- ✓ **Chose a scene** to focus on a reread that part of the novel. It is recommended that you use the chapter titles to help find your chosen scene.
- ✓ Decide whose perspective you want to take and write a diary entry that shows your character's perspective (their **thoughts, feelings, experiences and responses to what is happening to or around them**).
- ✓ Write in the first person perspective (**using "I"**)
- ✓ Include **at least two direct citations/quotations** from the novel in your diary entry.
Ex: "The sound of the blacksmith's hammer on his anvil reminded me of Polly, our tardy serving girl" (page 1).
- ✓ Use **dialogue, description, figurative language and action** to develop your character's perspective.
- ✓ Start your entry with "**Dear Diary**" and **sign it using your character's name**, but make sure you put your first and last name on the entry as well!



GRADING CRITERIA

| ELA Constructed Response Rubric: Fever 1793 | | |
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| Exceeds | 25 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives ample evidence of the ability to adopt the perspective of a chosen character; perspective adopted is true to character. • Provides ample thoughts, feelings and facts to thoroughly develop the perspective of the character in a specific scene of the novel. • Includes specific evidence from the text (at least two direct citations/quotations). |
| Meets | 22 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives adequate evidence of the ability to adopt the perspective of a chosen character • Provides adequate thoughts, feelings and facts to thoroughly develop the perspective of the character in a specific scene of the novel • Includes specific evidence from the text (at least two direct citations/quotations) |
| Emerging | 19 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gives limited evidence of the ability to adopt the perspective of a chosen character • Provides limited thoughts, feelings and facts to thoroughly develop the perspective of the character in a specific scene of the novel • Includes only one specific evidence (direct citation/ quotation) from text |
| Does Not Meet | 16points | An attempt was made to address the prompt; however, the writing does not provide evidence of the ability to adopt the perspective of chosen character, includes little to no relevant information from the text, does not reflect any elaboration or is vague. |
| No Response | 0 points | A response is not written or does not address the assignment. |

READING CHALLENGE

We encourage students to continue reading *beyond* the assignment requirements. Diary entries are not *required* for additional books read but they will be accepted.

Go to the Governor's Reading Challenge website for a list of suggested books:

<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2683&q=320322>

Additionally, students will receive recognition for additional books read provided that students complete the Governor's Challenge Summer Reading Book Log and submit it to their ELA teacher.

5 Reasons to Read

- Increased Knowledge
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Improved Memory/Mood
- Improved Focus & Concentration
- Improved Writing Skills

Lexile Measure (Lexile.com): The best way to use a Lexile measure is to match an individual's Lexile Level with a book that has a similar Lexile Level or slightly above. If these are matched accordingly, an individual is more likely to comprehend what they are reading. **7th Grade Lexile Ranges Basic (950 or Below) Proficient (955-1120) Advanced (1125 or Above)**