

Epic Disease

The novel, Fever, by Laurie Halse Anderson was a very interesting book. Mattie, has to leave home and family to fend for herself during the 1793 plague outbreak in Philadelphia. **She** seeks help from her friend Eliza and becomes part of her family. **Eventually**, her mom returns and Mattie and Eliza help her run a successful coffee shop. Other important characters that help Mattie are her Grandfather, her Mother, the little orphan named Nell who Mattie rescues and her crush Nathaniel Benson. **The** main theme of the story is survival even when life is very difficult.

There are a number of connections in the story to the central idea and the lines of inquiry on this U.O.I. **A** connection to the central idea is for the history part of it. **The** totaled monstrous black plague outbreak in Philadelphia in 1793 was a time of death and turmoil. People had to move out of the city to find safety. **Doctors** were busy day by day. **It** was a catastrophe that people had to be evacuated out of their homes just from influenza. **Now that is history.** **There** is a connection to line of inquiry #2 because of social responsibilities from Mattie's perspective of the outbreak.

I had one main personal connection to Fever 1793. That connection was when I had this flu when I was micro. **Springing**, I was coughing, barfing and sneezing for 2 weeks straight. It was the worst time of my life. **In** those two weeks I onto the brick fireplace (not when it was on) and now I have this existing scar on the side of my face. **Life** sucked when I was 3, life sucked.

