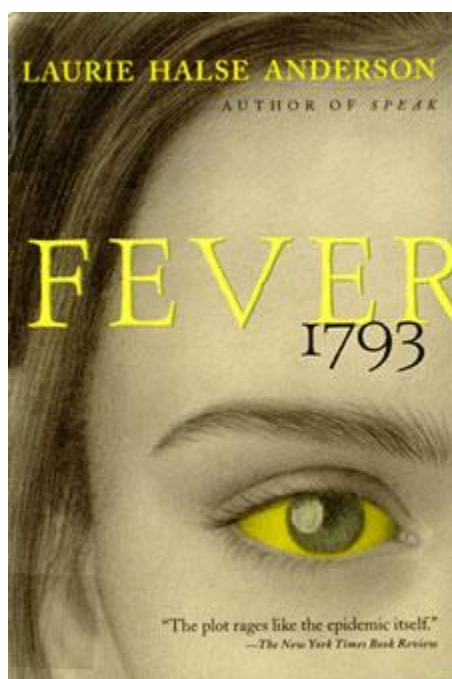


Fever 1793

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Vocabulary & Terms

Name: _____

Chapter 1

shift – undershirt worn by women under their dresses

stays – corset worn under clothing

blacksmith – someone who makes objects out of iron

anvil – heavy iron block on which heated metals are hammered into shape



Walnut Street Jail, southeast corner, Sixth and Walnut Sts.

Walnut Street Prison



shift



stays

Chapter 2

grippe – contagious viral disease

butter churn – a device used to make cream into butter

hearth – floor of a fireplace extending into a room

spirits – alcoholic beverage

victuals – food supplies

Quakers – a religious group who was against slavery

supped – sipped or took a spoonful

lather – extremely agitated (annoyed)

forge – place where a blacksmith works

musket – long-barreled gun

pestle – tool used to grind a substance

mob cap – soft cloth cap worn by women

apothecary – pharmacy



mob cap



butter churn

Chapter 3

peckish – cranky or irritable

Chapter 4

yarn – a long adventure story

filly – young girl

miasma – poisonous germs polluting an area

noxious - harmful

bilious – excess of bile from the liver

balderdash – non-sense

Indian pudding – dessert made with cornmeal

oyster loaf – hollowed out French bread filled with oysters



Indian pudding

Chapter 5

strongbox – lock box to hold money

fervent – enthusiastic

necessary – toilet

pippin – round

savory – a spice

hoe cake – unleavened cake made with flour or cornmeal, cooked on a hoe

larder - pantry

pleurisy – inflammation of the pleura (surrounding lungs)

rambles – wandering

pepperpot – soup or stew

liebchen – German word meaning “sweetheart”

knobbly - bumpy

scamp – mischievous person

scoundrel – dishonorable person

impudence - shamelessness

mutton – sheep

ninny – fool



pepperpot

Chapter 6

mangle – machine for pressing clothes

clotheshorse – frame for hanging wet laundry

droll – amusing

windfall – good fortune

fripperies – old clothes

addle-pated – confused

huzzah – a cheer

spinster – single woman beyond usual marrying age



clotheshorse

Chapter 7

brocaded – elaborately designed

bombazine – silk fabric

hovels – small dirty huts

Chapter 8

din – loud, confused noise

harrumphed – cleared throat

gumption – initiative, courage

squall – cry out

broadsheet – newspaper

almshouse – private house for the sick or poor

pestilence – deadly, epidemic disease

constable – police officer



almshouse

Chapter 9

fractious – stubborn, difficult

myrrh – part of a plant that was believed to have healing powers

clothespress – wardrobe closet



clothespress

Chapter 10

bunkum - humbug

jalap – dried plant root

calomel – powder used as medicine made of mercurous chloride

cajoling – persuading

valise – small suitcase or travel bag

Chapter 11

odiferous – having an odor

Chapter 12

skirmish – a fight between small groups of troops

Chapter 13

brambles – rough, prickly shrub

brown betty – dessert made with fruit

flint – a piece of hard stone used to start a fire

tinder – any dry substance that readily takes fire from a spark



brambles

Chapter 14

Arrêtez-vous – You, stop!
scabbard – holder for a sword
slovenly – messy, dirty, careless
magpies – talkative person, chatterbox



scabbard

Chapter 15

famished – extremely hungry
jaundiced – yellow discoloration on the skin
snippet – small or insignificant person
impudence – offensive, bold behavior

Chapter 16

vacantly - empty
glaziers – people who fit windows
placid – calm, peaceful
abates – ends, removes
dowry – money or a gift that a wife brings to her husband at marriage
scullery maid – low ranked servant who works and cleans in the kitchen



scullery maid

Chapter 17

helter-skelter – out of order, messy
mite – a small bit
invalid – a sick person
pence – a sum of money, plural of penny
shillings – coins
yowl – a long cry, howl
varmints – pests, animals that are a nuisance



shilling

Chapter 18

urchin – small mischievous child

Chapter 19

trifling – of little importance, worthless
brandish – to shake or wave a weapon
haint – lost soul, ghost
scuttled – hurried



shroud

Chapter 20

shroud – a cloth used to wrap the dead for burial
sniveling – crying, whining

exorbitant – outrageous, extreme

sodden – soaked

satchel – small bag

Chapter 21

relish – enjoy, take pleasure in

hardtack – cracker or biscuit

wraith – ghostlike image of someone

coverlet – top cover of a bed



hardtack

Chapter 22

cooper – a person who repairs barrels

cooperage – business where a cooper works



cooper

Chapter 23

solemn – serious

turncoat – a person who changes to the opposite party

harried – troubled

imp – a mischievous child, little devil

Chapter 24

casks – container made and shaped like a barrel

scurrilous - abusive

gilt – layer of gold



cask

Chapter 25

jostled – pushed, shoved

putrid - rotten

ominous - threatening

poultice – soft, moist mass of cloth applied to the body

Chapter 26

fetid stench – stinking odor, terrible smell

rapscallions - rascals

wares - goods

vigilant – wide-awake, alert

haberdasher – dealer who sells men's clothing



poultice

Chapter 27

gaunt – extremely thin and bony

feign – pretend

Chapter 28

handbill – printed advertisement or announcement

flitted – passed by quickly

Chapter 29

bunkum - nonsense

Epilogue

trundle bed – low bed on small wheels

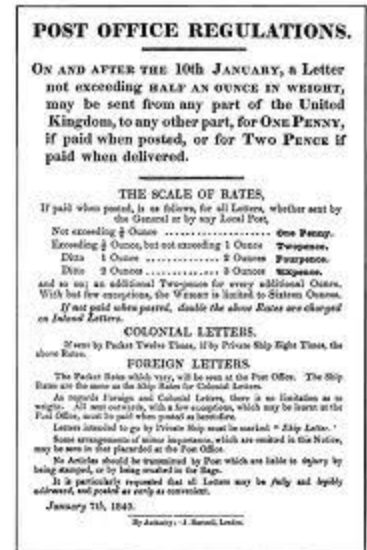
unison – exactly, at the same time

begrudge – to be reluctant to give

idleness – laziness



trundle bed



handbill