

Fever, 1793: Chapter 1

Vocabulary:

droned (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

abhorred (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

dawdling (*def*): _____

(*sent.*): _____

Questions:

1. What is the significance of the first line of the novel—"I woke to the sound of a mosquito whining in my left ear and my mother screeching in the right."?
2. Who is the narrator of the story? _____ Is this story told in third person or first person?
3. The narrator says on page 2, "It was the war." Which war is she talking about?
4. What kind of family does Mattie's mother come from?
5. Why does Mattie's mother's family not talk them anymore?
6. Polly is late. Where does Mattie think Polly is?
7. In 1793, Philadelphia was the capital of the country. The novel does not say this directly, but it is hinted at on page 4. What does the narrator say that lets us know that it is the capital?
8. Mattie compares herself a couple times to Blanchard's _____.