Hello Historical Fiction students:

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe during the COVID-19 quarantine period. At this point, we have approximately two weeks until school is officially done. So if you are continuing to work on assignments for extra credit, now is the time to be finishing them and emailing them to me.

As a reminder, I am going to freeze your grade at the Spring Break mark, since that is the last time we met as a class. Any and all work that you turn into me will be marked as an extra credit grade. This extra credit will be added to your grade that is on freeze at the end of the semester to count as your final grade. Therefore, you can only improve your grade during this online schooling time, not hurt your grade. I would love to see you all continue with the assignments I am putting on the website each week, whether you need to improve your grade or not. Please make the effort so that you are continuing to learn the material we have been covering this semester.

**I am changing the final due date for all work to 5/13-5/14.** This gives you an extra week to get work turned in to me. Please make sure you turn in all work on or before those dates. Remember, as middle school and high school students, your grades at LEAP count toward your GPA for the year. I will check in with you weekly to see how your progress is going. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assignment, you can email me at linda.ragazzo@thompsonschools.org.

1. At this point you should be finished reading Fever 1793. I handed out a reading schedule and a weekly assignment sheet titled Book Guide for Fever 1793 to each of you. Please make sure you complete this assignment sheet and email it to me by the above final due date.

2. Turn in the assignment of 3 scenes told through another character's perspective by 5/13 and 5/14.

**3. ASSIGNMENT: FINAL PROJECT**

I find it very interesting that we are reading a book on a virus epidemic from our country's history while we are experiencing it ourselves. There are some differences and similarities to what Americans experienced in 1793 with Yellow Fever, and what Americans are experiencing currently with Covid-19.
For your final project on this book, I would like you to write a short Compare/Contrast essay on the 1793 Yellow Fever and the 2020 Covid-19. Included with your essay, I would like for you to draw a Venn Diagram to show the concrete comparisons. I am attaching a couple of links below to show you how to complete a Venn Diagram.

https://www.edrawmax.com/venn-diagram/how-to-make-a-venn-diagram-in-google-docs/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkV_uRErIqk

Complete a quick research on both epidemics and come up with at least 6-7 similarities and/or differences between them. Show these in the Venn Diagram and write about them in a short essay. (No more then three paragraphs in length). This assignment will be worth 40 points. It is now due by 5/13 and 5/14.

5. To turn work into me you can either use Google Docs and share it to my email address, or you can create a PDF file of your document and email it to me.

Thank you all for being patient with this new type of learning right now. I have confidence that you will all do very well.