



MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Help your team establish a plan for Battle preparation by guiding them to decide on a team plan, including who is reading which books, how often the team will meet, and who is writing practice questions for each book.

Mentors are advised to help set up a meeting schedule for their teams. They can meet virtually or in person with the team regularly to offer encouragement, to check on reading progress, to foster team cohesiveness, and to help team members learn authors' names and facts from books. The teams will need to identify the title and author of the book for every answer.

Mentors will also act as the communication link between the library, team members, and parents with all information regarding the Battle of the Books. Please keep us informed of any team changes or issues. You may email us at youth@orionlibrary.org. You may also call us at 248-693-3002.

During the Battle, mentors help make sure their teams demonstrate sportsmanlike behavior, and ensure that all team members and their families understand the rules and expectations on the day of the Battle.

Mentors may also need to coordinate and provide transportation to the Battle at Waldon Middle School on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Doors open at 9:30 am and the Battle will begin at 10:00 am.

Methods of building team spirit:

- Meet regularly, virtually or in person.
- Decorate team outfits.
- Have your team wear the same color or item of clothing to the Battle.

Methods of preparing for the Battle:

- Decide who will read each book. It will be to your team's advantage to make sure that at least 2 team members read each book.
- Decide how often you will meet to discuss the books.
- Hold "mock" battles or "Jeopardy" style games based on the books.
- Have kids make up some of their own practice questions to quiz each other during the meetings.
- Mentors may want to read all of the books.
- Seek to understand the characters and the setting of the books. This will help answer questions kids are unsure about!

Methods of encouraging and rewarding team participants:

- Serve snacks at the meetings.
- Play a game before your meetings.
- Have a pizza party or ice cream outing at the completion of the Battle.
- Keep it fun and make happy memories!

There will be an *Official Mentors Meeting* on Thursday, December 14 at 6:30 pm. This meeting for adult mentors and we will spend time on sample questions, study ideas, and a Q & A session. This meeting is not mandatory, but open to any who are interested. We encourage interested parents to also attend.

Good luck & happy reading!
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