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5th GRADE BATTLE GUIDE

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GOALS & OBJECTIVES

To promote the love of reading.

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To promote the use of the library as a community resource center.

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To introduce children to a wide variety of literature.

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To provide a recreational outlet for readers.

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To encourage children to participate in a group activity.

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To provide a positive learning experience for children, librarians, teachers, and parents.

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To form partnerships with local schools and strengthen community ties.

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To build confidence in young readers.

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To promote resources that are available at the public library.

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To have fun!

2024 BOOKS

Attack of the Fluffy Bunnies

Andrea Beaty

El Deafo

Cece Bell

Flooded

Ann Burg

Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor

Ally Carter

Little Monarchs

Jonathan Case

Her Right Foot

Dave Eggers

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon

Grace Lin

Three Strike Summer

Skyler Schrempp

The Wall

Peter Sis

Fast Pitch

Nic Stone

Breaking Stalin's Nose

Eugene Yelchin

CHECKING OUT BATTLE BOOKS

The library will have multiple copies of each Battle book on hand. Each team member may check out up to two Battle books for one week the day after Kickoff. We request you only check out one title the night of the Kickoff event.

Battle books may be renewed for one week, as long as there are no holds on that item. Two renewals are allowed. If the book you want is not in, either you or the librarian can place a hold on that title.

DATES

Mentors' Meeting

Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30 pm, OTPL

Virtual Meetups

Thursdays, Jan 11 & February 29 @ 6:30 pm

Battle of the Books

Saturday, March 9 @ 10:00 am (doors 9:30 am)
Waldon Middle School

Victory Party and Author Visit

Monday, March 11 @ 6:30 pm
Lake Orion High School Auditorium

BATTLE EVENTS

Mentors' Meeting

Mentors are encouraged to attend an in-person meeting on Thursday December 14. This meeting will go over tips, tricks, and ideas of how to lead your team to a successful battle.

Zoom Meetups

We will host two meetups after our Kickoff event. **The Halfway Chat** will take place on Thursday, January 11. Team members and mentors can hop on for discussions or to get any questions answered. We may even play some games and give away prizes! **The Final Chat** will take place on Thursday, February 29 for last minute updates! Team members and mentors are all encouraged to attend.

Flip.com Fun

Battle is more than just the trivia quiz! We will host two discussions and competition fun throughout January and February. Flipgrid is a page where you can upload video responses to a posted discussion. Topics include introducing your team, debating your favorite book, and acting out a scene from one of the books. You don't want to miss out on participating in this fun, as your team will earn points every time you do! These points go toward Team Awards given out at the Victory Party.

BATTLE EVENTS

Battle of the Books

The culmination of three months of hard work! Gather your team and team costumes, and meet us at Waldon Middle school in our trivia style competition on Saturday, March 9. Teams will be quizzed on all eleven books selected.

Victory Party

Our final event is an evening gathering to celebrate every team that participated in Battle of the Books, taking place on Monday, March 11. We will announce team top point-getters and spirit awards. One of our 2024 Battle of the Books authors will also join us for an author talk and book signing. Copies of their book will be available for purchase.

TEAM SPIRIT TIPS

Pick clever and original team names. No team name can be longer than 17 characters.

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Paint posters to cheer teams to victory. These may be brought to the Battle.

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Design a simple team costume.

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Design a button with the team name, logo and team member names.

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Encourage family and friends, teachers, and media specialists to attend the Battle and Victory Party.

PAST SAMPLE QUESTIONS

Quote from a book

Quote “And it just so happens the only apron in my size has large red flowers on it, so my Man Plan is on the back burner.”

My Near Death Adventures
Alison DeCamp

Question or statement about something that happens in the book

In which book do people need to make special glasses to wear so they won't go blind?

Every Soul a Star
Wendy Mass

Passage taken directly from the book

“Like most people, he had never been really sure what a river was – just that it was water that somehow flowed on its own.”

City of Ember
Jeanne DuPrau

Question about something from an illustration or picture

In which book is there a picture of a library book being destroyed?

Matilda
Roald Dahl

DAY OF RULES

The Audience

Having an audience at the Battle is wonderful! However, the audience may not assist the team in any way during the competition. All audience members are expected to adhere to the Library's code of conduct. **No open food or drink is allowed in the school gym.**

The Teams

Each team consists of 3, 4, or 5 fifth graders and must have an adult mentor. Children do not have to attend the same school to be on a team. Children who live in the OTPL district or attend LOCS schools may participate in the Battle.

The Questions and Answers

The Battle will include at least one question about each book. The questions will consist of:

- A direct quote from a character in the book
- A question or statement about something that happens in the book
- A passage taken directly from the book
- A question about something from an illustration or picture

DURING THE BATTLE

Team members sit together on the floor of the gymnasium. Pencils, answer sheets, and clipboards will be provided for writing the answers.

Each team must have an adult mentor present at the Battle. Mentors sit in the stands with other spectators.

Any allegations of cheating must be made by a mentor to a staff member before the start of the next round. The matter will be taken to the head judge for a ruling.

Teams will be asked to name the **book title** and the **author**.

Questions will be read once and repeated once. Teams will have 30 seconds to write down the answer. Answers are strictly from memory. No notes or books may be used. Answers should be written clearly; spelling errors are okay but will be reviewed in the case of a tie.

To break ties, the finishing order will be determined by the least amount of spelling errors. The least amount will be first, followed by second and third place.

Runners will deliver answer sheets to the scorekeeping tables. Once a team's answer sheet is turned in, it may not be taken back by the team.

As the answers are collected and turned in at the scorekeepers' tables, the moderator will ask one team to give the answer. Throughout the competition, different teams will take a turn telling an answer.

Scoring

Correct title & correct author - 2 points

Correct title & no author - 1 point

Correct author & no title - 1 point

Author and title do not match - 0 points

All scores are based on written answers only.

Official Scores will not be announced until the night of the Victory Party. You will be told the correct answer after each question, so you should have a rough idea about how your team did. Keeping a tally of points from correct answers during the Battle is discouraged.

