

Battle of the Books Competition

Rules:

- Students must register for the Battle by the January 18th deadline.
- The coordinator will organize teams into groups of 5-7 people. The goal is to have teams close to the same number of participants.
- Each team will select a name for themselves.
- The school wide battle will consist of 4 rounds of questions.
- The winner will be determined by the highest cumulative score from all 4 rounds.
- A 5th round is used in the event of a tie between teams.
- Students are responsible for their assigned readings on their own time. Books can be borrowed from public or school libraries.
- The students cannot have notes or books during the competition.
- If a student from a team is absent, their team must compete without them. There are no makeups or substitutes.
- A conference must be arranged with the coordinator in the case of a student requesting to withdraw from the competition. At the time of the conference, options will be discussed.

Battle Specifics:

- Questions will be read two times. After that, they will not be repeated. After the second reading, the questioner will say “begin”. This is the signal for the students to begin writing.
- **If students begin early or start talking before the signal, the team will lose all the points for that question.**
- After the students are told to begin, they have 30 seconds to confer with their team and provide a written answer. If they do not answer in the time provided, they receive no score for that question.
- During the battle, all team members need to be respectful, quiet, and supportive of all students competing in the battle. If disruptive behavior occurs, one warning will be given. The second time, 5 points will be taken away from the team. If a student continues, the coordinator has the right to remove the student from the competition.

Scoring:

For each question given: The recorder will write the team's answer on the whiteboard and hold it up to the questioner for scoring. **Spelling does count. The accepted spelling is written on the final book list for the year.**

Correct title: 3 points

1 mistake (wording or spelling): 2 points

2 or more mistakes (wording or spelling): 0 points

The teams can earn extra points by providing the author's name when applicable. **Spelling does count. The accepted spelling is written on the final book list for the year.**

Last name, first name, initial (if required): 2 points

Last name only: 1 point

Spelling Mistakes: -1 point

There is no credit for first names only