

BATTLE of the BOOKS

The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students in grades 4-12. The purpose is to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with their peers. There are three divisions which students may enter based on their grade level. These include:

Grade School: 4th-6th

Middle School: 6th-8th

High School: 9th-12th

Saturday, February 27, 2010 • Battle begins at 9:00 a.m.

Lakeview Elementary School, 17510 Lakeview Ave., Yorba Linda, CA 92886

More information regarding specific team times to follow

General Information Meeting • Saturday, January 9, 2010 • 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Yorba Linda Public Library Community Room

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

GETTING STARTED:

If you are a student in grades 4-12 and are interested in participating in the "Battle," please visit the library or call 714-777-2873 ext. 6 or ext. 7 for more information. Registration is valid September 21-December 19, 2009. Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis and limited to the first 250 participants. The official "Battle" will be held in early 2010, exact date and location to be announced. Reading lists for each division can be found at the library or on the library's website at www.yorbalindalibrary.com/battle. A limited number of books are available for check-out at the Yorba Linda Public Library.

PROCESS OF THE BATTLE:

1. Students are given the opportunity to form their own team prior to the sign-up deadline on Saturday, December 19, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m. Teams shall be no larger than five (5) members and no smaller than three (3) members. Those students who do not register in a team will be assigned a team after registration has ended.
2. Prior to the "Battle," each team will tell the READER who is serving as its CAPTAIN. The READER will accept answers from only that CAPTAIN; no other team member's answer will be heard or recorded.
3. During the "Battle," teams will have 20 seconds after the reading of the question to give a response through the team CAPTAIN. Teams are encouraged to confer before giving a response. Only the first answer the CAPTAIN gives will be acceptable – the team cannot use up the time left to guess other titles.
4. If the title is correct, the team is awarded five (5) points. Then the team may have an additional 10 seconds to confer on the author and give its response. An additional two (2) points shall be awarded for the correct author.
5. If a team gives an incorrect title or author, the opposing team may pick up points for title (5 points), or author (2 points), or both. The question will be repeated to the "acquiring" team, which will then have 10 seconds in which to come up with their answer.
NOTE: If the acquiring team does not answer correctly, play does NOT pass back to the other team.
6. If a team has begun its response before time is called, it will be allowed to complete it.
7. After 20 questions have been asked, the reader must allow 15 seconds for challenges to be articulated through the team captain only. If there are no challenges, the final score will be announced and a winner will be declared. The round will be considered complete and no further challenges will be entertained.

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ANSWERS:

An answer is considered correct even if mispronounced, as long as the judge can discern it. That may mean that an incorrect article in a title may be used or answers that are slightly off (such as Zekmet the Stone Cutter instead of Zekmet the Stone Carver) are acceptable as well. (That Stone Carver Guy is not acceptable.) A correct author's name is one that is quoted as it appears on the official Battle of the Books list. The last name only is also acceptable.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Below are samples of the types of questions that will be asked at the "Battle." Answers need to include the title of the book and additional points are awarded for providing the author's name.

Grades 4-6: In which book, does the main character catch a cold because he was locked in the refrigerator for an hour? **Answer** = Stuart Little by E. B. White

Grades 6-8: In which book had the main character "never within his memory, been tempted to lie."?
Answer = The Giver by Lois Lowry

Grades 9-12: In which book are the main characters referred to as "bird kids," with the main character having a thirteen foot wing-span? **Answer** = Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson

CHALLENGES:

The questions are proofread and worded carefully to avoid mistakes. The most common challenge occurs when a question may have two correct answers. When the error has been proven by consulting the books, both teams will receive credit for a correct title. These challenges must occur before the round is completed.

DEFAULT:

Any team which does not appear for a round will automatically default to the team which was to be its opponent.

GRADE LEVEL TEAMS:

There are three grade levels which students may enter to participate in Battle of the Books. These are:

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Middle School: 6th-8th

High School: 9th-12th

All "Battles" will take place on the same day and at the same venue. Battles will occur between teams in the same division only.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information or a more detailed overview of "Battle of the Books," please contact:
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Disclaimer

General Details: By entering the "Battle of the Books" contest, participants understand that the judges' decisions are final. Participants agree to abide by all rules and regulations contained in the participation guidelines herein and understand that such rules and regulations are incorporated with and become part of this agreement.

Notifications: The Yorba Linda Public Library reserves the right to change and/or modify participation guidelines without public notification.

Validity: These materials are valid for the "Battle of the Books" for 2009/2010 only.

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