

Battle of the Books 2020-2021

Welcome to Battle of the Books. We hope it will be an exciting year for all of you. In order to make things work more smoothly, please note the guidelines below. Due to safety guidelines Battle of the Books will be virtual for the year.

We will be using the following internet platforms :

Zoom

Aha Slides

Reading Requirements:

Each member of the team must read the minimum number of books based on their grade level to participate in Battle. There are 20 books on the list, so team members are encouraged to read more than the minimum.

4th Grade= six books minimum

5th Grade= seven books minimum

6th Grade= eight books minimum

Teams:

To sign up to do Battle of the Books, please see your school's Battle Coach.

There is no longer any fee for schools

The Battle Itself:

Arrival Time

Battle begins at 4:00pm. Please be on Zoom at least 10 minutes before the start time. Please check your email for the Zoom link. Links will be sent to your Battle Coach.

Zoom Team Arrangement

Coaches and players will be placed in breakout rooms with their teams. Unless you request multiple teams per school all of your schools players will be on one team.

Answering

We will be using Aha Slides to answer all of the Battle of the Books Questions.

Questions and Point Values

There will only be one point per question. Unfortunately there will not be any multiple choice questions this year.

Electronic Devices

Each player will need an electronic device and access to the internet to participate. If possible two devices can also be used. One for Zoom and one for Aha Slides.

Sportsmanship

The best thing you can do for your team is to encourage each other. Please avoid negative comments, facial expressions, or gestures against your Penalty points can be awarded for unsportsmanlike behavior.

Penalties

If a team is caught being being unsportsmanlike, they will be given a warning (red circle). If staff have to talk to that team again, the circle becomes a negative point, and subsequent negative points can be awarded. If five negative points are awarded during the Battle, the team will be disqualified from participating in the rest of the round. Points from previous games are unaffected—that is, no points are deducted from previous rounds.

Time Outs

Due to the nature of our virtual program there will not be any time outs during Battle.

Challenges

Teams are allowed to issue challenges. If a team wishes to challenge an answer, they must announce the challenge at the time of the question. Don't wait. We will look into challenges after Battle is over for the day. The following week, we will award points at the beginning of the Battle--if your challenge is successful.

We try to have two staff members present at each Battle who have read all 20 of the Battle books in order to accept or deny challenges. The last Battle cannot have challenges.

The dates for the 2020-2021 Battle Season are as follows:

- Practice: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
- Battle 1: Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- Battle 2: Wednesday, February 17, 2021
- Battle 3: Wednesday, February 24, 2021
- Battle 4: Wednesday, March 3, 2021
- Battle 5: Wednesday, March 10, 2021

There may be additional team meeting dates a participant is required to attend. These additional dates are set by the school's Battle Coach. Please see your Battle Coach regarding any questions about additional team meeting dates.

Want to participate?

If you are a student in grade four through six and would like to participate in Battle of the Books, please see your school's Battle Coach to sign up.

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