

Battle of the Books and Amazing Reading Challenge Guidelines

Student Role: Participant

BOB and ARC are activities that are solely student motivated and participation is entirely voluntary. Students are responsible for reading the books and participating in team battles/competitions this Spring. If a team chooses to “practice” on their own it is student-driven. Adult supervision may be required, but adult participation is not allowed.

Librarian Role: Facilitator

Librarians need to provide copies of titles for students to read. Librarians need to purchase, link and circulate them. They need to create 25 questions to share with district librarians. They need to schedule battles/competitions and facilitate both the building and district level battles/competitions. To facilitate building battles/competitions, the librarian will be asking questions. The librarian is an impartial participant and will reveal correct answers once team answers are given. The librarian will also score teams during competition.

Teacher role: Support

Teachers will not require BOB/ARC participation. They should not offer rewards for participation or coach students. This activity is entirely student motivated, but teacher awareness and support is very appreciated.

Student non participants: Observers

If competition take place at recess, non participants may observe and support the teams.

Families: Support and encourage

Families can support the teams by facilitating team meetings, helping students locate the books, checking in with their child. They should not coach students. This activity is entirely student motivated, but family support is very appreciated.

Incentives and Rewards

Since the goal of BOB/ARC is to encourage literacy among all students, individual team rewards are modest, and should not be the focus. At the end of competition the librarian **may** choose to provide some kind of celebration for all participants. Extracurricular participation is also a consideration during semester grading in Library skills.

By returning this form, _____ (first and last name) is committing to participate in (choose ONE):

- Battle of the Books 2023
- Amazing Reading Challenge 2023

Once you are assigned a team, they will be depending on you to read the books and participate in competitions. Your signature shows you agree to make this commitment, and a grown-up agrees to support your efforts.

Adult Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher Signature: _____ Grade: _____