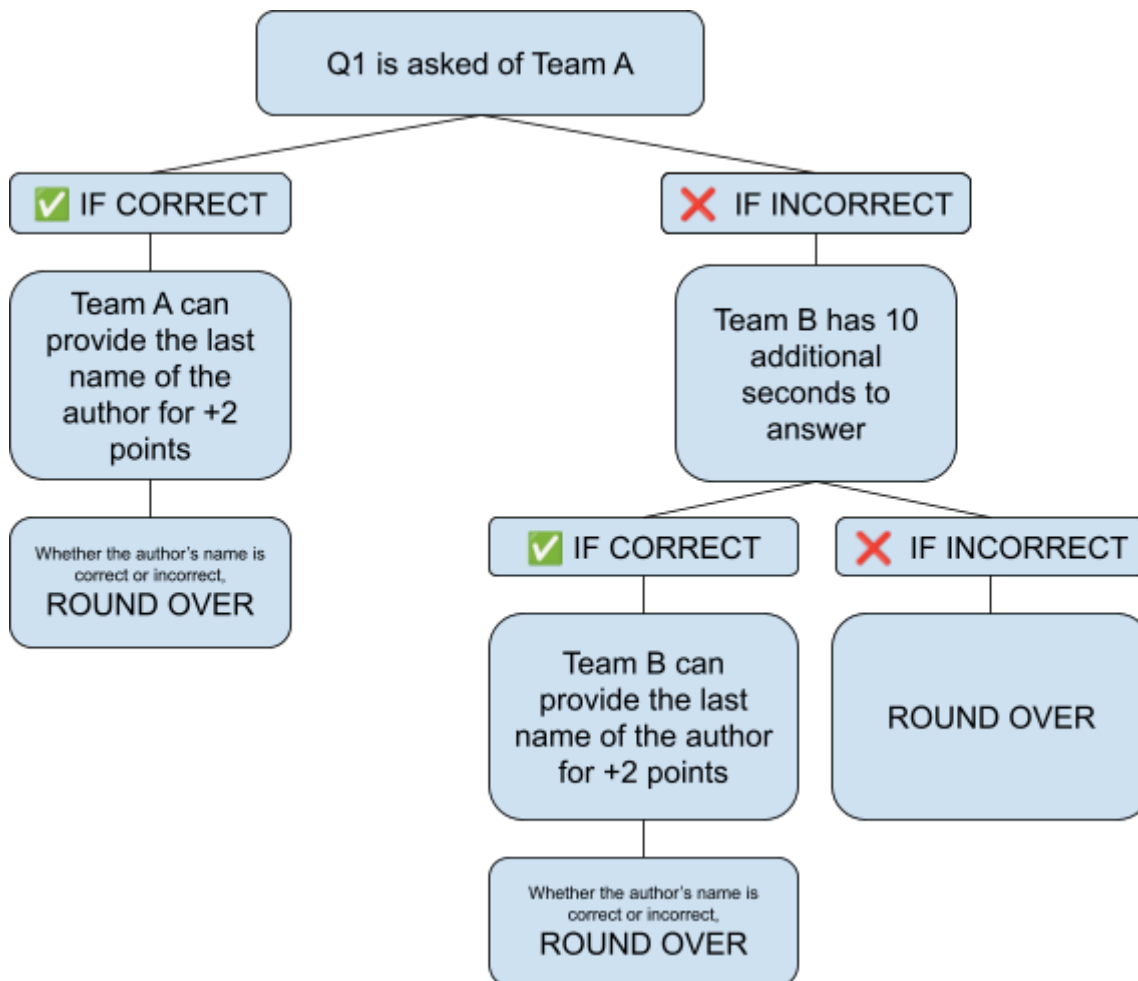


Battle of the Books

Rules of the Battle

1. Each team selects a captain for **each battle round**.
2. Each team is asked 10 questions per round for a total of 20 questions.
3. Each team will have **30 seconds** after the question is read to give its response. The **TEAM CAPTAIN** must make the response. The correct title merits **5 points**.
 - a. **If the title is correct:**
 - i. The eligible team will have an **additional 10 seconds** to confer on the author's last name.
 1. The team can provide the author's last name for an additional 2 points. Whether or not the author name is correct, the round ends.
 - ii. NOTE: Author points alone cannot be stolen by another team.
 - b. **If the title is incorrect:**
 - i. The opposing team will be given **10 seconds** and can steal the book title only. This question is repeated for them before the clock begins the 10-second countdown.
 - ii. **If the stolen title is correct**, the opposing team is eligible for author points.
 1. The team can provide the author's last name for an additional 2 points. Whether or not the author name is correct, the round ends.
 - iii. **If the stolen title is incorrect**, the round ends.
4. Gameplay order resumes in the same pattern as before the steal.
5. The Score Keeper for each Battle Station will tally the scores for both teams and hold them up in the air. A staff member from SBCEO will collect the sheets. Once confirmed, the final scores will be announced.
6. **Tie Breaker is for FINAL BATTLE ONLY:** In the event of a tie, there will be a "sudden-death" playoff.



NOTE:

- *The Captain will hold the team shield and is the only participant who can answer the questions for the team that round.*
- *If a team has begun a response when time is called, it will be allowed to complete it.*
- *If a team wants to contest a question, then the Team Captain must tell the Battle Station Judge and Time Keeper who will determine if there is a case. At that point, they will communicate with SBCEO Staff for further action.*

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Volunteer Responsibilities

Timekeeper/Scorekeeper Responsibilities:

- **Track Time:** Start and stop the clock according to the competition rules for each round. Make sure each team has equal time for answering questions.
- **Record Scores:** Accurately record the points earned by each team for correct answers. Ensure that the scoring is transparent and accessible to all teams and spectators.
- **Announce Time:** Clearly announce the remaining time at designated intervals and at the end of each team's turn.
- **Manage Breaks:** Keep track of time during breaks and ensure the competition resumes on schedule.
- **Coordinate with Judge:** Work closely with the Judge to ensure that scoring reflects correct answers as ruled by the Judge.

Battle of the Books 2024
Round # _____

Team # _____ Team # _____
Team Name Team Name

Question #	TITLE	AUTHOR	Question #	TITLE	AUTHOR
	(5 pts)	(2 pts)		(5 pts)	(2 pts)
1			Steal?		
2			Steal?		
3			Steal?		
4			Steal?		
5			Steal?		
6			Steal?		
7			Steal?		
8			Steal?		
9			Steal?		
10			Steal?		
TOTALS			TOTALS		
Total Title Points			Total Title Points		
Total Author Points			Total Author Points		
GRAND TOTAL			GRAND TOTAL		

Ensure that team numbers and names are accurate

Record points for correct titles and authors as they are earned and stolen per round.

Total all points and submit sheet to SBCEO staff when complete.

Judge Responsibilities:

- **Alternate Team Captain per Round:** Keep track of team captains and make sure the students select a different individual each round.
- **Alternate Questions per Round:** Keep track of questions that have been asked and ensure the correct order of participation – especially if answers are stolen.
- **Rule on Answers:** Decide the acceptability of the answers provided by the teams. This includes:
 - ruling on partial answers
 - prompting for more specific responses when necessary
 - determining a reasonable pronunciation, especially of author names (*Note: Grace should be given if the student makes a concerted effort to pronounce the title and name correctly*)
- **Ensure Fair Play:** Monitor for fair play and adherence to the rules by all teams. Address any discrepancies or rule infractions.
- **Clarify Rules:** Provide clarification on rules to teams and other volunteers as needed. Ensure that all participants understand the gameplay.
- **Resolve Disputes:** Act as the authority at the battle station over any disputes over answers or scoring. If needed, work with the SBCEO staff to determine final ruling.
- **Maintain Decorum:** Ensure that the competition maintains a respectful and orderly environment.
- **Coordinate with Timekeeper/Scorekeeper:** Ensure that the scoring is accurately recorded and reflects the Judge’s rulings on answers.
- **Manage volume:** Make sure all students stay quiet and non-disruptive if the team finishes prior to the battle ending. We want each team to have similar experiences regardless of how long the battle round takes to finish.