

Battle of the Books Tournament Rules



Team Formation

1. Each team must have a team name.
2. Teams will be composed of 4-6 students in grades 5-8; limit of 12 total teams for the tournament.
3. Team members may NOT rotate throughout the different rounds. The same six or fewer members representing a team are the only people permitted to play all the rounds.

Game Format

1. There are 10 rounds of team trivia containing 10 questions each
2. Each team will be assigned a table (set up like a trivia bowl)
3. Blank answer sheets will be provided for each round.
4. In each round, there will be 9 book questions from the attached booklist and 1 wildcard question about library skills or popular/classic books
5. There will be a total of 100 questions (plus 10 tie breakers if needed)
6. Questions will displayed on large screen and read aloud
Sample round:
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1evjUpd44e9SHWiZ4xqGTghSODv3Bs0shapL3zub5r4/edit?usp=sharing>
7. Students will record their answers on the official answer sheet and submit it to the judges for scoring at the end of each round. Answers cannot be changed once submitted for scoring.
8. Judges will post team scores after the 3rd, 6th, 9th, and 10th rounds.
9. The teams with the highest scores at the end of the 10th round win
10. Questions based on **2015 Caudill or Bluestem** books listed below:
 - *Almost Home*, Joan Bauer
 - *Frindle*, Andrew Clements
 - *Legend*, Marie Lu

- *One for the Murphys*, Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Shiloh*, Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- *Small Steps: The Year I got Polio*, Peg Kehret
- *The False Prince*, Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *The One and Only Ivan*, Katherine Applegate
- *The Stonekeeper*, Kazu Kibuishi
- *Truth About Poop*, Susan E. Goodman & Elwood H. Smith (ill)
- *Ungifted*, Gordon Korman
- *Unstoppable*, Tim Green

Game Rules & Point Allocation

1. No cell phones, computers, or any other electronic devices may be used for answering questions.
2. All answers are final. If the organizers make a mistake, it will be consistent and standings will not be affected.
3. The Team Captain is the designated speaker for your team and will be responsible for delivering the answer sheet to the judges when called upon to do so.
4. Battle of the Books questions are selected by the Battle of the Books committee. Answers used in the competition are the most commonly accepted answers.
5. For every correct answer, the team scores 1 point. There are ten points available per category round for a total 100 possible points per team.
6. Misspelling does not count against you, but you must have complete answers; no partial credit given! Answers must be legible to be counted.
7. At the end of each category round, you will hear a loud sound – meaning that time is up. Before the Master of Ceremony repeats the questions for the round with the answers, all answer sheets must be turned in.
8. The judges are merely human; all decisions are final!
9. TIE BREAKER: In the event of a tie, there will be a tie-breaker lightning round containing up to 10 questions. The questions will be asked one at a time until a team answers incorrectly and a clear winner is named. (If both teams answer incorrectly, another question will be asked). If after 10 questions the tie remains, the teams will share the title.

Prizes

- The top three finishing teams will receive trophies, medals, &/or book related prizes
- The winning team's library will receive a prize package of books from Rainbow Books