



Event Rules and Procedures:

- A team consists of 5-9 students. If fewer than 5 team members show up on Battle night, the team will still be allowed to participate.
- Team members **MUST** arrive and check in at registration between half an hour and fifteen minutes before the start of Battle.
- Team members sit together during the entirety of the Battle except for the halftime break.
- Pencils with erasers and answer sheets will be provided for writing the answers. If more are needed, have the coach ask a floor attendant for assistance.
- Coaches will be assigned to monitor a different team than the one they have been coaching during the year. An adult coach must always sit with the team in the provided seat during the competition.
- Participants may not have phones or tablet devices during the competition except for prearranged accommodations. Coaches should refrain from using phones and devices.
- Audience members must stay in the designated audience area.
- An Emcee (MC) will ask questions about the books.
 - o Each question will be read aloud two (2) times and projected on a screen.
- The Battle will include at least one question about each book.
- **Four types of questions** may be asked:
 - o A direct quote from a character,
 - o A question or statement about something that happens in the book or to a character,
 - o A passage taken directly from the book,
 - o A question about something from an illustration or picture.
- Teams will be asked to name the title and author and receive 1 point for each correct answer.
- Answers of titles and authors should be written as they appear on the official book list.
- Spelling does not count but judges must be able to reasonably read and interpret answers.
- Teams have 60 seconds to quietly discuss their answers and write the title and author on an answer sheet. Answers are strictly from memory. No notes or books may be used.
- A recorder for each team will write the title and author on the provided answer sheet and give the paper to a volunteer who will collect it and take it to be scored.



- When the 60 seconds are up, time is called, all pencils must be put down, and the written answer sheet must be turned in. Even if the team did not write an answer, the blank sheet must still be turned in.
- Battle Books may not be brought to the event. Titles and authors should not be listed anywhere. This includes, but is not limited to clothing, posters, etc.
- Every effort is made to generate accurate questions for the battle. Page numbers can be cited if necessary. If a team feels there is a discrepancy in a question, this must be addressed *in writing* within two weeks after the battle. Please include the question as best you can remember and give the alternative answer and page number on which it can be found.

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