

# BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

## TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

School(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Due: November 5, 2018.

### TEAM NAME

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### TEAM MEMBERS

(Please consult the Battle Coordinator ASAP if there are fewer than 6 members on your team)

NAME

GRADE

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ALTERNATE

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### TEAM COACH(ES)

(Name, Address, E-Mail Address and Phone)

PLEASE INDICATE MAIN COACH FOR MAILINGS TO GO TO

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GOOD LUCK!!!!

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS**  
Schoolcraft Community Library

**COACHING RESPONSIBILITIES**

*During the time that teams are preparing for the Preliminary Battles the coach's responsibilities are as follows:*

1. To assure team member's attendance at regular Battle of the Books meetings.
2. To make sure that each team member understands which books on the reading list he/she is expected to read.
3. To meet with the team regularly to offer encouragement, check on reading progress, foster team cohesiveness and to help team members learn author's names and the correct spelling of the author's last names and facts from books.
4. To act as a communicating link between the library, team members and parents with **all information regarding Battle of the Books.** (ie. dates, times, reading expectations etc.)
5. To make sure you and your team demonstrate appropriate behavior by being a good loser as well as a good winner. This means shaking hands with other teams at the completion of each Battle, accepting the moderator's judgment on answers you may not agree with and treating everyone with respect and courtesy on 'Battle Day'!
6. To make sure your team members and their families understand the rules of 'Battle' and the expectations the day of 'Battle'. This applies to audience members NOT approaching the moderator at break times, turning cell phones off, removing small children when they are restless and/or noisy and ABSOLUTELY NOT giving any kind of signals from the audience to team members.

*During Preliminary, Semi Final and Grand Battles, each coach will be assigned to monitor one of the other competing teams. The monitor's responsibilities will be as follows:*

1. To ensure that the team stops writing at the end of the 30 second time limit. (whether the answer is complete or NOT).
2. To check if answer is correct as is given by the moderator.
3. To record the number of points earned for each question, to give the score sheet to the assigned runner, to keep a cumulative score throughout the Battle, and to make sure your score matches that of the scorekeeper's score at break times. If the scores do not match, you may send a team member to the moderator, who will in turn check on the discrepancy and make any necessary changes.
4. As a monitor it is important to remain focused on the team you are with so that you will be fair and equitable. Please remember that these children have worked hard as well and need and deserve your encouragement and respect.
5. To encourage all team members to shake hands at the end of each battle and to congratulate them on their achievement.

## **TEAMS**

1. Teams will consist of 6 students in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Can have 7 with 1 alternate.
2. Due to limited space, only students attending schools in Schoolcraft, Vicksburg, and Parchment school districts are eligible to participate. Home-school children residing within these districts will be allowed to participate as space permits and should contact the Library for permission. Direct all inquiries to the program coordinator.
3. Teams may consist of any combination of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> graders with the exception that no one team may have more than four 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
4. Teams of at least 5 team members must be registered by the posted registration date. (NOTE: A 6<sup>th</sup> team member may be added later or an alternate member may be added if a team member has dropped. However, these changes must be made on or before the posted December date.)
5. Each team should choose a writer and speaker/s before the day of 'battle.' The writer is responsible for writing the author and answer the day of battle, so it should be someone who has legible handwriting and can spell correctly. The speaker can be one person or several team members may take turns going to the microphone during the 'battle' when it is their team's turn to answer.
6. Each team may choose a captain as well and that person's name should be turned in by the posted January date. If your team decides not to have a captain, they should still choose someone to be responsible for making final decisions on answers the day of battle when all team members do not agree upon an answer.

## **BATTLE DAY**

### ***Procedures on the day of 'Battle'***

1. Teams will sit in a circle with their coach until after introductions. After introductions, coaches will be asked to rotate to another team during 'battle' making them 'monitors' now for the team they are sitting with. You should sit with your back to your own team and across the stage.
2. The writer for each team will have a pad and a pen. It is their responsibility to record the answer, and the author's last name for each question and hand it to the monitor at the 30 second call. The writer must stop writing at the 30 second call whether their answer is complete or not. Correct spelling is required for the author's name only, but monitor and/or moderator must be able to understand the word or words in the answer even if not spelled correctly.
3. The team's speaker/s will take turns with other teams going to the microphone to answer questions. The rotation of teams will be established by the moderator. The moderator will accept the answer given or give the correct answer if the team's answer is incorrect. The moderator will also announce any other acceptable answers at that time. The monitor will then mark the total score for that answer on the bottom of the answer sheet and hand it to the runner who will take all answer sheets to the scorekeeper. The monitor should add the score to the running total he/she is keeping for that team. (*see score sheet sample*) The scorekeeper will post the scores for all teams on the screen. Monitors should check these scores at breaks to make sure they match their scores.
4. There will be 21 questions for each battle.
5. There will be a 5 minute break after questions 7 and 14. There could also be a 5 minute break

after question 21 if there is a tie at the end of the battle and other circumstances warrant a need for a Challenge.

6. Challenges can be made at the 5 minute breaks if your team thinks their answer is correct, but did not receive any points. Challenges may be made for your team's answers only and must be made by **one team member only** (not the whole team and NOT the coach or parents!) You may search for the challenge as a team, but when making the actual challenge to the moderator it must be **one team member only**. If the team member can prove to the moderator by using a battle book that his/her answer is correct, the moderator will announce the correction and the score change before continuing the next round. If a coach or parent or more than one team member approaches the moderator with a challenge, **that challenge will be automatically eliminated and no points will be awarded.** After returning from first or second breaks, no additional challenges of previous questions will be allowed. If a team has a challenge from the final set of questions (after question 21) that team will be given 5 minutes to prove its challenge **only if the score change would result in a different outcome of the battle. NO challenges will be accepted after a battle has been completed and preparations are being made for the next battle to begin!!!**
7. After 21 questions the team/s in Preliminary Battles with the most points will go on to Semi Finals later in the day. In the event of a tie, the teams will answer tie-breaking questions until there is a winner. There will be 5 tie-breaking questions for each round necessary. After 21 questions in each Semi Final Battle, the teams with the most points will go on to the Grand Battle. (usually 2 teams per Semi Final Battle)  
After 21 questions in the Grand Battle, the team with the most points will be declared the winner.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO BATTLE DAY**

1. Only 6 team members and 1 coach will be allowed on the stage during the battle.
2. If a team member is absent the day of battle, the coach may substitute with an alternate or play 1 member short.
3. Alternates may be placed in the battle at break times only.
4. The audience is an audience and MAY NOT participate in the battle with signals to team members or by approaching the moderator at any time.
5. Only the coach on the stage may participate in the battle. Any other coaches must become part of the audience. (Exception: may help teams search for challenges)
6. All moderator's decisions will be final. This includes decisions made during the challenges. There will not be points taken away after they have been given.
7. Author's last names must be spelled correctly.
8. Overall spelling on answers may be done phonetically as long as the monitor and/or the moderator can understand the word(s).
9. When giving the title of a book as an answer to a question, the title must be exact. (Exceptions: A, An and The at beginning of a title and shortened versions of exceptionally long titles previously shortened by the moderator.)

10. Questions in the Semi Finals and the Grand Battle will be more difficult and the moderator will be more particular about answers given. In a tie breaking situation if one answer is more correct than another, the more correct answer will be the winner.

### **SAMPLE QUESTIONS**

1. In the book To Catch a Crook, what did Justin say when he fooled Gabby about something?

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSE: “The answer is “Gotcha” and the author is Haas. H-A-A-S.”

2. In the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, what is the name of the candy that made your hair grow?

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSE: “The answer is “Hair Toffee” and the author is Dahl. D-A-H-L.”

3. In what book do we read about a place called Owls Roost, Nebraska?

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSE: “The name of the book is Monsters of Morley Manor and the author is Coville C-O-V-I-L-L-E..

4. “Good garden of peas!!” From what book is this quote taken?

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSE: “The name of the book is Love, Ruby Lavender and the author is Wiles W-I-L-E-S.”

5. In what book did one of the main characters collect buttons:?

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSE: “The name of the book is Josie’s Troubles and the author is Naylor N-A-Y-L-O-R.”

6. From what book is the following quote taken? “She stirred egg and yoghurt together, measured flour, spilling some on the floor and then discovered she was short of cornmeal.”

TEAM MEMBER RESPONSE: “The answer is Ramona Quimby, Age 8 and the author is Cleary, C-L-E-A-R-Y.”

**NOTE: These will be the 3 formats used in questions during the ‘Battle’ so be sure to use these formats some of the time during your battle meetings so the kids become accustomed to responding in this way.**

**1. In what book. . . . .**

**2. In the book . . . . .**

**3. Quotes taken directly from the books.**

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR  
BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2018-2019**

October 19, 2018	Battle Booklist Release
October 29, 2018	COACHES MEETING---7 p.m.—Schoolcraft Community Library Community Room. <i>(please have 1 coach present at this meeting)</i> <b>**Bring Coaches Packet to the meeting please.</b>
November 5, 2018	Team Registration Forms Due <i>(first 36 teams accepted)</i> Email to <a href="mailto:director@schoolcraftlibrary.org">director@schoolcraftlibrary.org</a>
November 30, 2018	Shirt orders due—One <u>check</u> per team to On Purpose Branding- Last day for substitutions for teams
January 9, 2019	Shirts delivered to SCL
January 11, 2019	Team names and Captains due to the library Email to <a href="mailto:director@schoolcraftlibrary.org">director@schoolcraftlibrary.org</a>
February 1, 2019	Favorite book vote and Team photo due to library Email to <a href="mailto:director@schoolcraftlibrary.org">director@schoolcraftlibrary.org</a>
February 16, 2019	Preliminary and Semi-Final Battles-- Schoolcraft H.S. PAC-Times TBA
February 21, 2019	Grand Battle –7 P.M.---Schoolcraft H.S. PAC