

BATTLE of the BOOKS 2012

The Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program for students in grades 4-12. The purpose is to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with their peers. Each team is responsible for reading the 20 books on the Battle booklist. The Battle of the Books is a single-day event where students will compete by answering questions about the books on the official Booklist.

There are three divisions which students may enter based on their grade level:

Grade School: 4th-6th

Middle School: 6th-8th

High School: 9th-12th

Saturday, February 4, 2012 • Yorba Linda High School

Yorba Linda High School, 19900 Bastanchury Rd, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Sign up dates are September 19 - November 19, 2011.

Students may sign up in person at the Yorba Linda Public Library or by calling the Yorba Linda Public Library at 714-777-2873 ext. 7 for 4th-8th grades or ext. 6 for 9th-12th grade.

General Information Meeting - Wednesday, November 9 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

OR Wednesday, November 30 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Students, parents, and teachers are welcome to attend to learn more about Battle of the Books.

General Study Sessions:

Saturday, December 10, 2011: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17, 2011: 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 7, 2012: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 14, 2012: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Participants may meet and study together.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE THE BATTLE:

1. Participants are encouraged to create teams of 3 to 5 students prior to the program sign-up deadline on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. Students may also sign up as an individual and they will be placed on a team. (The library reserves the right to add team members to already established teams with fewer than 5 students.)
2. Sign up between September 19 – November 19, 2011 at the Yorba Linda Public Library or by calling 714-777-2873 ext 7 or ext 6. Sign ups close at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2011.
3. Each team is responsible for reading the 20 books on the Battle booklist. (Some teams decide each member will read 4-5 books, some teams decide all members will read all 20 books. It is up to your team.)
4. Start reading the books and taking notes. Reading lists for each division may be found at the library or on the library's website at www.yorbalindalibrary.com/battle.
5. Attend a General Information Meeting or General Study Sessions with your team.
6. Decide on a Team Captain. Your Captain will be the person who answers for your team during the Battle.

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ON THE DAY OF THE BATTLE:

1. Teams will Battle against one another by answering questions based on the 20 books they read.
2. A READER (library staff member) will ask questions to the 2 teams competing against one another. Each team will have a Team CAPTAIN that will answer for their team. The READER will only accept answers from the each team CAPTAIN; no other team member's answer shall be heard.
3. Teams will have 20 seconds to give a response through the team CAPTAIN after the reading of the question. Teams are encouraged to discuss their answer before giving a response. Only the first answer the CAPTAIN gives will be acceptable – the team may not use up the time left to guess other titles.
4. If the title is correct, the team is awarded five 5 points. The team will have an additional 10 seconds to discuss the author and give a response. An additional two 2 points shall be awarded for the correct author.
5. If the team gives the correct title but incorrect author, the team will get 5 points for the title and the opposing team may pick up 2 points for the author. If a team gives an incorrect title, the opposing team may pick up 5 points for the title and 2 points for the author. The question will be repeated to the acquiring team, which will then have 10 seconds to answer. The original team may not answer the author question if they did not answer the title correctly.
6. If a team has begun its response before time is called, it will be allowed to complete it.
7. After 20 questions have been asked, the READER will allow 15 seconds for any challenges to be made through the team CAPTAIN only. The team will have 3 minutes to find specific text in the book that supports their challenge.

If there are no challenges, the final score will be announced and the winner will be declared. The round will be complete and no further challenges will entertained.
8. In the event of a tie, the teams will move to a tie-breaker round. During the tie-breaker round, each team will take turns answering different questions. A correct answer will include the correct title of the book AND the authors first AND last name.

SAMPLE QUESTIONS:

Below are samples of the types of questions that will be asked at the "Battle."

Grades 4-6: In what book does a character wear bedroom slippers with a suit to his birthday party?
Answer = *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume

Grades 6-8: In what book are some characters allergic to wizards?
Answer = *Dealing with Dragons* by Patricia Wrede

Grades 9-12: What book begins with a series of letters written to Mrs. Saville?
Answer = *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

Answers:

A correct title and author's name is one that is quoted as it appears on the official Battle of the Books list. An answer is considered correct even if mispronounced, as long as the judge may discern it. For regular Battle rounds, only the book title and last name of the author are required. For tie breaker and final rounds the book title, author's first AND last name are required.

Challenges:

A challenge is when a team disputes an answer. An example of a challenge is that a team believes a question could have two correct answers. The questions are proofread and carefully worded to avoid mistakes. After all 20 of the battle questions, the teams will have 15 seconds for a challenge to be made through the team CAPTAIN. The team will then have 3 minutes to find specific text in the book that supports their challenge. Copies of all of the Battle books will be on hand.

For complete challenge details or example, please visit the FAQ at yorbaindablibrary.com/battle

Battles:

All Battles will take place on the same day and at the same venue. Each division shall battle separately so that each team meets only its own level during the rounds of play.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information or a more detailed overview of "Battle of the Books," please contact:

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For more information or a complete list of titles please visit the library's website at www.yorbaindabpubliclibrary.com/battle.

Disclaimer

General Details: By entering the "Battle of the Books" competition, participants understand that the judges' decisions are final. Participants agree to abide by all rules and regulations contained in the participation guidelines herein and understand that such rules and regulations are incorporated with and become part of this agreement. By entering the competition, participants and their families understand the library may take, use, and publish photos for publicity purposes. Photos of participants are used on the library's website, Facebook and Flickr accounts, and other media publications to promote library programs. **Notifications:** The Yorba Linda Public Library reserves the right to change and/or modify participation guidelines without public notification. All guidelines are subject to change without notice. **Validity:** These materials are valid for the "Battle of the Books" for 2011/2012 only. *Battle of the Books is not affiliated with school or school district. The school district does not endorse or sponsor this activity.*

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