

2011 Young Adult Battle of the Books Rules

Wheaton Public Library

A “Battle” meet consists of two rounds of play:

Round 1

Individual questions—During Round 1, each team is asked 8 questions and given 30 seconds to answer each question. If a team member asks to have a question repeated, this is included in the allotted response time. The answer to each question is the entire title of a book. If a team answers incorrectly, the opposing team does not have an opportunity to answer the same question for points.

Correct Answers Receive 5 points. One additional point is given for supplying the first and last names of the book’s author.

(example: In what book do you read about Angel Peterson? Answer: *How Angel Peterson Got His Name and Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports* by Gary Paulsen (**4 points for entire title and 1 point for author’s Full name**))

Bonus questions—In addition to the individual questions in Round 1, there are 8 Bonus questions. One Bonus question is posed to all of the teams at the end of each set of individual questions. Each team has 30 seconds to write down its answer on a dry erase board. An automatic repeat of the question is given within the 30-second allotment. Bonus questions are based on character recognition (Which book features a boy named Brian Robeson?). The answer to each question is the title of a book (Hatchet).

Correct Answers Receive 3 Points

Team members may confer over answers for both the Individual and Bonus questions in Round 1. For the Individual questions, it is suggested that team members appoint a spokesperson to announce the answer. After conferring with the team, the spokesperson rings the bell and gives the answer. The first complete response from a team member is that team’s official answer. Team members should also designate one person to write the answers on the dry erase board for the Bonus question. An answer to either the individual or Bonus question should be exact, and the moderators are the final authorities on the acceptability of an answer.

Round 2

During Round 2 each team is asked 8 multiple choice questions and given 15 seconds to answer. The answers to the questions are taken from the context of the books. (In *Stormbreaker*, what is the name of the main character? A. Adam, B. Alex, C. Anthony).

Correct Answers Receive 5 Points.

Further Information

- ✓ Teams are allowed to change players between rounds,
- ✓ No points are deducted for a wrong answer. (In other words, it pays to make a “wild guess” if you don’t know the answer.)
- ✓ Players may challenge the answer to a question *immediately after* a meet. Students who support the challenge with a specific text reference will be awarded points. Once given, however, points can not be deducted. The Battle moderators may take up to 24 hours to review the challenge, and all decisions are final.
- ✓ If a team does not appear for a scheduled meet, it forfeits the meet and receives zero points. The battle is conducted as usual for the opposing teams present.
- ✓ If a team member does not appear for a scheduled meet and a substitute is unavailable, the team may play short-handed.
- ✓ Spectators are allowed at all matches provided they are affiliated with the teams playing that meet. Team members are encouraged to watch their own school play. Fellow team members should sit at the back of the audience while their team is playing.
- ✓ Please do not copy “Battle” questions during the meets.