

5th/6th Grade - BATTLE OF THE BOOKS - 2009

Friday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Shaler Area Middle School Auditorium

<http://shalerbattleofthebooks.blogspot.com>

RULES

1. Teams participating in the Battle should arrive at the Shaler Area Middle School Auditorium between 6:30 and 6:40 p.m. Teams will not be admitted before 6:30 p.m. Each team will have an assigned area, and there will be staff members to help you find your area.
2. The team members will be seated together in a group. One person should be designated team captain, and this person will be given paper and a pen with which to record his/her team's response. **No other books, coats or papers of any kind are permitted to be with the team during the tournament.**

After making sure all team members are present and the team captain has been identified, the team managers can then wish their teams good luck and find a place in the audience! An independent monitor will be assigned to each team.

3. There will be **three** rounds of questions. During each round, one question will be asked from each book. The moderator will read each question aloud twice. The timekeeper will then allow 20 seconds for the team members to confer (**quietly!!**) and for the team captain to write the response on paper. When time is called, the moderator will give the author's name and the correct answer.
4. There are a total of five (5) points possible for each question. Four (4) points are awarded for the correct answer and one (1) point is awarded if the last name of the author is given. **Answers must be specific.** Incorrect spelling is not discounted as long as words are recognizable. The monitors will check the answers and write the points scored for that question on the score card. If there is **ANY** question at all as to whether or not an answer should be given credit, the monitor will raise the question and a decision will be made by the judges. **The judge's decision will be final.** A runner will pick up these cards after every fourth (4th) question. The monitor will raise a card toward the audience with the team's score for that question when directed to do so.
5. At the end of the questioning, the scores will be totaled. In the event of a tie, the teams with the highest score will answer one or more tie-breaker questions until a winning team is established.

NOTE: This is a serious competition and both the team members and the audience should exercise caution when speaking aloud. **Should the moderator hear the answer to a question before the end of the twenty (20) second period, that question will be thrown out.**

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