

Battle of the Books Rules and Procedures

How will the Battle work?

The 2021 Battle of the Books will be conducted virtually. Registered teams will receive the Zoom link and log-in information prior to BOB day. Each team will meet together either in person or virtually using Google Meet or some other virtual platform of their selection on Battle morning. (All teams should meet in regards to your own comfort manner, whether in-person or virtually. Remember if meeting in person, please be socially distanced with masks.) One team member will share his/her screen in the Google meet with the BOB Zoom link. The Zoom link will remain muted allowing the team in their virtual meeting or in-person experience the opportunity to talk over answers with each other. Remember, only one person on the team shares his/her screen with the BOB Zoom link.

There will be 5 or 6 rounds of questions, with 10-12 questions in each round. Questions in each round will cover all 6 BOB titles and will be randomly sorted.

Each round will have **one answer sheet**, using Google Forms, **per team**. At the beginning of the competition, a link will be emailed to each manager to access the answer forms. As each answer sheet is submitted, teams will automatically be directed to the next round's answer form. Please submit only ONE answer form on behalf of your team each round.

Please remember to fill in your team name at the beginning of each round. The MC will remind you of it for each new form.

Questions will be announced by our MC over Zoom. Each question will be read twice. Teams will have 20 seconds to confer with each other after each question. A bell or buzzer will sound. At the end of the round, the MC will read each question once more. The MC will allow 20 seconds at the end of the round to finish any remaining responses and submission of the form. The person responsible for submitting the form will then click submit and also click the link for the next Google form. When all forms are submitted, the MC will read the answers to the questions in that round. The MC will ask for a signal that all teams are ready on the next Google form. The MC will remind teams to fill in your team name.

How many points is each question worth?

The teams must provide the book's author and the correct answer for each question. Answers may take any form: title, character, plot, setting, detail, or quote identification. Most questions will require a one to five word answer. A team can score 5 points if they get the author **and** the answer correct. If they get the answer correct, but not the author, they score 4 points. If they get the author correct, but not the answer, they score 1 point. If neither part is correct, they score 0. So, for each question a team might score 0, 1, 4, or 5 points.

Spelling does not count, however, the team of judges must be able to understand what you are trying to say in your answer.

The BOB committee works very hard to craft the trivia questions. We double check each question and are careful to reference page numbers, etc. We make note when a question might have more than one possible answer. We will not accept challenges or entertain comments from anyone (team members, parents, coaches, or spectators) during the competition. **ALL JUDGES' RULINGS AND DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

Can the manager help his/her team?

No, team managers cannot help their team. Team members and coaches are asked to monitor their own behavior and ensure all rules are followed. Please remember this is a fun competition. Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated.

Can we have the books with us during the competition?

No books or notes are allowed the morning of the Battle.

How long will the Battle last?

The Battle will consist of 50 – 60 questions, and take approximately 2 hours.

How will the winners be determined?

Scores are maintained in an Excel spreadsheet. The scorers are very careful and diligent throughout the tournament to credit teams with the correct points.

At the end of the Battle, team scores will determine the first, second, and third place finishers. All participants will receive certificates and brag tags.

Do I have to buy the books?

No. Each team will be able to check-out one complete set of all six titles until after the Battle has concluded. Additional copies of each title may be available for check-out at MPHPL locations or using our digital apps (Overdrive/Libby) for ebooks and eaudiobooks.

