

# BATTLE of the BOOKS

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

**Grade School: 4th-6th**

**Middle School: 6th-8th**

**High School: 9th-12th**

**Saturday, February 26, 2011 • Yorba Linda High School**

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

**General Info Meetings:** Thursday, January 6 (6:30-8:00 p.m.) and Friday, January 7 (4:30-6:00 p.m.)

**Study Sessions:** Saturdays, January 29 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.); February 12 (1:00-5:00 p.m.); February 19 (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

## **BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES**

### **GETTING STARTED:**

If you are a student in grades 4-12 and are interested in participating in the "Battle," please visit the library or call 714-777-2873 ext. 6 or ext. 7 for more information. Registration is valid September 20-December 18, 2010. Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis and limited to the first 250 participants. The official "Battle" will be held in early 2011 on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Yorba Linda High School. Reading lists for each division can be found at the library or on the library's website at [www.yorbalindalibrary.com/battle](http://www.yorbalindalibrary.com/battle). A limited number of books are available for check-out at the Yorba Linda Public Library.

### **PROCESS OF THE BATTLE:**

- 1** Participants are encouraged to create teams of three (3) to five (5) students prior to the program sign-up deadline on Saturday, December 18, 2010 @ 5:00pm. Students who do not register in a team will be assigned a team after registration has ended. In addition, the library reserves the right to add team members to already established teams with fewer than five (5) students.
- 2** Prior to the "Battle," each team will tell the READER who is serving as its CAPTAIN. The READER will accept answers from only that CAPTAIN; no other team member's answer will be heard or recorded.
- 3** During the "Battle," teams will have twenty (20) seconds after the reading of the question to give a response through the team CAPTAIN. Teams are encouraged to confer before giving a response. Only the first answer the CAPTAIN gives will be accepted – the team cannot use up the time left to guess other titles.
- 4** If the title is correct, the team is awarded five (5) points. Then the team may have an additional ten (10) seconds to confer on the author and give its response. An additional two (2) points will be awarded for the correct author.
- 5** If a team gives an incorrect title or author, the opposing team may pick up points for title (5 points), or author (2 points), or both. The correct title of the book must be given in order for the acquiring team to play for the additional author points. The question will be repeated to the "acquiring" team, which will then have ten (10) seconds in which to come up with an answer. The acquiring team must first answer with the correct title of the book (5 points) and may earn an additional two (2) points for providing the correct author's name. **Note:** Only the author's last name is required for the additional points to be awarded. However, author's first and last name are required for title breaker and final rounds for author points to be awarded.
- 6** If a team has begun its response before time is called, it will be allowed to complete it.
- 7** In the event of a tie, the teams will move to a tie-breaker round. During the 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.
- 8** After twenty (20) questions have been asked, the reader must allow fifteen (15) seconds for challenges to be articulated through the team captain only. If there are no challenges, the final score will be announced and a winner will be declared. The round will be considered complete and no further challenges will be entertained.

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## **ANSWERS:**

An answer is considered correct even if mispronounced, as long as the judge can discern it. That may mean that an incorrect article in a title may be used or answers that are slightly off (such as Zekmet the Stone Cutter instead of Zekmet the Stone Carver) are acceptable as well. "That Stone Carver Guy" is not acceptable. A correct author's name is one that is quoted as it appears on the official Battle of the Books list.

## **SAMPLE QUESTIONS:**

Below are samples of the types of questions that will be asked at the "Battle." Please refer to the "Process of the Battle" on the reverse side for information on points awarded.

**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 Shlley

## **CHALLENGES:**

The questions are proofread and worded carefully to avoid mistakes. The most common challenge occurs when a question may have two correct answers. When the error has been proven by consulting the books, both teams will receive credit for a correct title. These challenges must occur before the round is completed.

## **DEFAULT:**

Any team which does not appear for a round will automatically default to the team which was to be its opponent.

## **GRADE LEVEL TEAMS:**

There are three grade levels which students may enter to participate in Battle of the Books. These are:

**Grade School: 4th-6th**

**Middle School: 6th-8th**

**High School: 9th-12th**

All "Battles" will take place on the same day and at the same venue. Battles will occur between teams in the same division only.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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

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General Details: By entering the "Battle of the Books" contest, 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.

Notifications: The Yorba Linda Public Library reserves the right to change and/or modify Battle of the Books materials without public notification.

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