



General Rules

1. Battle is open to students in grades 3-5 and 6-8.
2. A team may have up to 6 members, **with one member designated as Team Leader.**
3. Each team will choose a name for their team. Sponsors are to make sure team names are appropriate and there are no hidden meanings. Competition will be between "teams", not school districts.
4. Each team must have a sponsor present at all times. A sponsor must be an adult over the age of 18 and not a student. Sponsors will not be sitting with their team during battle rounds, but will randomly be dispersed between teams to act as table monitors.
5. Team roster cannot be changed once the competition has begun. If a team member *must* leave during a battle round (restroom, nose bleed, etc...) the member will not be allowed to re-enter the competition until the next round begins. If a member needs to leave the Peabody Public Library property, that member will not be able to re-enter the competition and the team will continue without that member. No substitution may be made.
6. Three battle rounds will be played with a short break between rounds. Water and snacks will be provided during breaks and will be allowed at the competition tables.
7. Each battle round will consist of 24 questions. The questions will be designed to indicate the readers' general knowledge from the books on the assigned reading list. Team members may collaborate to answer questions. The team will have 20 seconds to answer each question. Correct answers score 1 point.
8. **Copies of the books, notes, notepaper or any electronic devices will not be allowed at team tables during competition.**
9. Challenges: If a team believes their answer is correct and we have judged it as wrong, they may challenge. The challenge will come from the **Team Leader**. The question will be marked, noting the answer the team has given. At the end of the round, the team will be allowed 3 minutes to find the passage in the book to substantiate their answer. You may not challenge the correctness of another team's answers. If the judge accepted their answer as correct, then that answer stands. Challenges will be limited to **3 challenges per team, per round.**
10. Team Sponsors will be asked to concur with the score before the official announcement of the final score is made. Any discrepancies must be addressed at that time. Once the official announcement is made, no challenges will be addressed. Sponsors may only challenge whether the scoring for their team is correct.
11. Tie Breakers: At the end of the 3 rounds, if 2 or more teams are tied, all teams involved will go into a tie breaker round. During the tie breaker round each team only has 10 seconds to answer correctly. One point will be awarded to all teams with the correct answer. If both/all teams answer correctly, or if both/all teams answer incorrectly, another question will be given. Those teams with incorrect answers will be eliminated if a correct answer has been given by one or more teams. This will continue until only one team has given the correct answer. Once only one team has given the correct answer, that team will be considered the winner.
12. **All teams must be registered by Friday, October 4, 2019.**