



5th Grade Battle of the Books

FAQs for parents/coaches

How many 5th graders can be on a team?

-3,4,or 5 – if you have 6 5th graders who want to work together, split them into two teams

Do your team members have to be in your class?

-No, they can be in any class or any school as long as they're in 5th grade and in our service area or go to school in Romeo Community Schools

Do you have to do Battle of the Books?

-No, but it's a great chance to read some really good books and lots of grownups will be proud of you!

Who can you ask to be the coach?

-Start with your parents. It's probably best not to ask teachers, because they're busy and don't want to play favorites. A coach has to be an adult

What does a coach have to do?

-Help you stay on track and make a plan. Read some of the books. Help you review for the Battle with practice questions or other methods

How often does your team have to meet?

-That's up to your team. I've heard of teams preparing a lot of different ways and they all work.

Where can we meet?

-You can always meet at the library – we love seeing you! You can meet anywhere that works for you as long as it doesn't interfere with your schoolwork.

Do we have to read all of the books?

-The teams that do the best have team members that read most of the books. It's up to you, and you can split up the book reading responsibilities. We suggest that each book is read by 2

team members to improve your odds. If you read a book your teammates didn't, make it your job to teach them about it.

Do we have to buy all the books?

-No, we'll have them at the library, but you might want to buy some of the longer ones. We made sure they were all available in paperback. Maybe each person on your team could buy 1 or 2 books.

How much does this cost?

-It's free! The only cost is if you decide to buy some of the books or spend money on costumes/matching t-shirts....oh and pizza while you review the books!

Do I have to memorize the characters' names?

-No. We won't ask any questions that have character or place names in them. You just have to memorize titles and authors.

What are the prizes?

-There will be prizes for the top three scoring teams. There will also be small prizes (bags of candy) for everyone who participates. We pick most creative team names and best team attire winners, too. The highest scoring team gets your team name on a plaque that will forever be on display at the library.

When do I have to register?

-You can register beginning December 6th, and anytime up till February 1st. You register at the children's desk at the Graubner Library. One member of the team can register the whole team. Just make sure that you have the correct spelling for each person's first and last name. There are registration sheets available at the desk or online.

What are the books?

-The list is top secret till December 6th, but we can tell you that there are 10 books that are from a variety of genres and at a variety of levels. We guarantee they're good books, because we're reading all of them, too. We read them all, because we write the questions.

What are the rules for costumes?

-The same as they would be for Halloween costumes for school. We encourage you to make sure that your costumes are comfortable because you'll be sitting on the floor for a couple of hours.

What can we bring the day of the Battle?

-A blanket or pillow to sit on. No chairs, no notes, no books, no electronic devices.

More questions? E-mail Claire at claire@romeodistrictlibrary.org