

Changes to the rules from last year are written in RED. Rules in BLUE are still be debated and are subject to change.

Battle of the Books Competition Description & Rules

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

When: Arrive by 4:45pm – event will start promptly at 5:00 with the final round set to be over by 9:00pm (hopefully!)

Where: Gahanna Lincoln High SchoolZ
140 S. Hamilton Rd.
Gahanna, Ohio 43230

BoB Structure:

- Each school that participates will send one team to compete.
- 36 books have been chosen by the host school for which the questions will be chosen.
- We ask that each participating school media specialist/teacher will choose 2 of the 36 books to read and will form questions from these books for the competition **according to the format** provided on the sample question list. 30 questions for each book will be made. (Please see sample question list for more details on the format of questions.)
- Students/teams participating in the event will be asked to read all books on the list before the competition. Each student is not required to read all books but rather the team as a whole will be required to do so.

Team Structure:

- Each school has one team of 5 students.
- If a team has more than 5 students, then they have the option to sub in a student(s) after a round has been completed, or in between games. A sub may not enter a game in the middle of a round.

Competition Structure:

- All teams will compete in a seeding round. The total scores from this round will determine the seeds for the bracket. In the event of a tie, the tied teams will be asked one sudden death question to break the tie.
- The bracket being used has a consolation bracket attached. This allows each team the opportunity to play a minimum of two games (plus the game played to determine seeding). In the event that a team is undefeated in the championship game and faces a team that has lost one game and loses to them, there will be a rematch between the two teams so that all teams could possibly lose once and still have a chance to win.
- A round will consist of two parts. In the first part, there will be a sequence of 14 alternating questions (7 per team). This will be followed by a set of twenty one *Lightning* Round questions.

- During the sequence of alternating questions the team captain for each team will be responsible for answering the questions. He/she will be able to confer with the rest of his/her team for the right answer during this time. In the Lightning round any member of a team will have the ability to buzz in and answer the question but there will be no conferring among the rest of the team.
- During the alternating questions, teams will be given 30 seconds to answer the question. During the lightning round a person will be given 10 seconds to answer the question. If a team does not attempt to answer before the timer sounds or the timekeeper calls "TIME," the moderator will proceed to ask the next question on the list to the next team in the rotation. No points will be awarded. In the lightning round, if no one buzzes in after 10 seconds, the question is dead and we will move on to the next question.
- At the end of the round, the team with the highest score will win the round and each team will advance/be eliminated according to the bracket.
- In the event that the undefeated team in the final round loses to a team that has already had a loss, there will be a rematch. The winner of the rematch will win the competition. This makes it so that NO team can be eliminated with only one loss.
- The structure of each game will stay the same throughout the competition with each game consisting a round of fourteen (14) alternating questions followed by a set of twenty one (21) Lightning Round questions.

Rounds will be structured in the following format:

- Teams will answer the sequence of fourteen (14) questions in rotation in such a manner that each team has had an opportunity to answer ten (7) questions.

Question 1: Team A

Question 2: Team B

Question 3: Team A

Question 4: Team B

Question 5: Team A

Question 6: Team B

And so on, until fourteen (14) questions have been read.

In the first round, a team may attempt to answer a question only when it is their turn: i.e. the question was read to them. If they answer correctly, they will score five points for their team. If they do not answer or answer incorrectly, **no** points are awarded. At this point, the question can be stolen by the other team. A correct stolen answer is worth three (3) points.

During the lightning round, **any** team may buzz in and attempt an answer. If the team answers correctly, they are awarded five (5) points. However, if they answer incorrectly they will lose three (3) points. Due to the nature of the questions, there

will be no steals in the lightning round. All questions in the lightning round are answered by whichever team member buzzes in first.

Anyone on the designated team during the lightning round may buzz in to answer the question. However, **only** the team member who buzzes in may answer. No conferring or discussing among the team members is allowed during the lightning round.

Scoring

A correct response during the first part of a round (alternating questions round) will be awarded five (5) points.

No points are deducted for an incorrect response during the first part of the round (alternating round).

A stolen question answered correctly will be awarded three (3) points (alternating round).

Scoring will change during the Lightning Round. Correct answers in the Lightning Round are awarded five (5) points.

Incorrect answers in the Lightning Round result in a deduction of three (3) points from the team's cumulative total.

Challenging a Question/Answer

Challenges are not encouraged due to a lack of time for the event. A challenge is when a team questions the answer to a given question claiming that the answer could be more than one book. The team answering a question is the only one who can challenge. If a challenge is administered, the coaches of both teams playing will confer with the moderator to determine whether or not to uphold/refuse the challenge. If the challenge is upheld then the question will be marked as "dead" and a new question will be asked in place of it. If the challenge is refused then points will be administered as usual.

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Questions

THE ANSWER TO ANY TYPE OF QUESTION IS ALWAYS THE TITLE OF THE BOOK AND THE AUTHOR

Three different types of questions may be asked.

1. A Question or statement about something that happens in the book, a character in the book, the book theme, and/or setting.
2. A Direct Quote from a Character in the book
3. Passage taken directly from a book

Examples:

1. Q: In which book does a family's special friend arrive inside the coat of a man looking for a job?

A: *How It Was With Dooms* by Xan Hopcraft

Q: In which book do we learn that King Louis XIV had a collection of 413 different beds?

A: *The Complete Book of the Night* by Sally Tagholm

2. Q: "I am nothing but a half-crazed, feather-headed old maid."

A: *Ghosts I Have Been* by Richard Peck

Q: "What is a library?"

A: *Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair* by Patricia Polacco

3. Q: "Her hair was yellow and her face was yellow because she had always been ill in one way or another."

A: *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Q: "She had found something strange and important – instructions for something. But for what?"

A: *City of Ember* by Jeanne Du Prau

**** When writing questions, please make sure that the question is specific enough to have only one answer. Thanks!**