



## Event Rules and Procedures:

- Team members sit together the entire time during the Battle. Pencils with erasers and answer sheets will be provided for writing the answers.
- A team consists of 5-9 students. Teams can compete in a Battle with fewer than 5 team members, but teams with more than 9 students will be asked to divide into two teams.
- Teams (MUST) arrive and check in NO LATER than half an hour before the start of the battle.
- A moderator will ask questions about the books.
- Questions will be also be projected on a screen.
- Questions will be read two times.
- The Battle will include at least one question about each book.
- **Four different types of questions may be asked:**
  - A direct quote from a character
  - A question or statement about something that happens in the book or about a character
  - A passage taken directly from the book
  - A question about something from an illustration or picture
- Every effort is made to generate accurate questions for the battle. Page numbers will be cited where applicable. If a team feels there is some discrepancy in a question, this must be addressed, in writing within two weeks after the battle. In your concern, please include the question as best as you can remember, and give the alternative answer and the page number it can be found on.
  - Teams will be asked to name the title and the author and will be given 1 point for each.
  - Answers of titles and authors should be written as they appear on the book list.
  - Spelling does not count, but judges must be able to reasonably read and interpret the answers.
  - Battle Books may not be brought the night of the battle. Titles and authors should not be listed anywhere. This includes, but is not limited to clothing, posters, etc.
  - Participants should not have phones or tablet devices during the competition.
  - Teams will have 60 seconds to quietly discuss their answers and write the title and author on an answer sheet. Answers are strictly from memory. No notes or books may be used.
  - Audience members must stay in the designated audience area.
  - An adult coach must sit with the team, in the seat provided at all times during the competition.
  - Coaches will be assigned to moderate a different team than they have been coaching.
  - A recorder from each team will write the title and author on the paper provided and give the paper to the volunteer who will be collecting.
  - When the 60 seconds are up, time is called, all pencils must be put down, and the written answer must be turned in. Even if the team did not write an answer, the blank sheet must still be turned in.

- After all answers are collected and turned in at the scorekeeper's table, the moderator will announce the answer.
- Scores will be tabulated during the breaks and winners will be announced immediately following the end of the battle.
- The winning teams will receive gift cards in the week following the battle.

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