

Practice Battle
4th & 5th Grades
2026

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Battle of the Books



Reminders for Battle

No Books or Notes

- **No books or notes may be brought into the competition circle.**
- Nothing should be brought to the competition area—all necessary materials will be provided.

No Audience Participation

- Spectators may not assist in any way.
- No one may “visit” a team until the Battle is finished.

Participants Must Remain Seated

- Restroom breaks should be limited to emergencies only.

No Writing Before Questions Are Asked

- **No writing on answer sheets before the Battle begins**, not even the author’s name.

Team Coaches Monitor Other Teams

- Each coach will be assigned to monitor a different team.
- Coaches may not return to their team until the Battle ends.
- Coaches must treat the monitored team with fairness.
- Conversation is allowed, but **coaches may not suggest answers.**

Costume Rules

1. Keep It School-Appropriate

No gory or violent costumes; follow school dress code.

2. Masks & Face Paint

No full-face masks. Light face paint is allowed.

3. Move Safely

Costumes must let you walk, sit, and participate comfortably.

4. No Book Info on Costumes

Costumes can't include character names, notes, or clues.



Battle Sportsmanship Rules

1. Be Respectful

Listen, speak kindly, and treat teammates, opponents, and judges with respect.

2. Play Fair

Follow all rules, listen to judges, and show honesty and integrity.

3. Stay Focused

Pay attention during questions and avoid distracting others.

4. Be a Good Sport

Celebrate wins respectfully, stay united and positive with your team if things don't go your way.

Have Fun!

Final Battle

1. Answer Sheets

- Each question has its own answer sheet.
- Only the team's chosen writer may write on it.
- Teams should decide on their writer **before** the Final Battle.

2. Questions

- Questions will be projected for all teams to view.
- The moderator will read each question **twice** before the countdown begins.

3. Answering

- Teams have **20 seconds** to agree on and write the answer *and the author's name*.
- Monitors may use their discretion to determine whether an answer matches the moderator's intent.
- If unclear, the score is left unassigned and marked with a question mark.
- When "STOP" is called, pencils must be put down immediately.
- Answer sheets will be collected by a runner and brought to the judges.

4. Scoring

Correct answers will be announced once all sheets are collected.
Judges assign points as follows:

- Judges' decisions are final.
- **Spelling does not count** if the answer is clear.

5. Winner

- The team with the **highest total score** wins.

Response	Points
Correct answer and correct author	10 points
Correct answer only	8 points (4 points if partially correct)
Correct author only	2 points
Incorrect answer and author	0 points

Round 1 – 4th Grade



Odder

What were Odder's eyes
always full of since she was a
pup?



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Questions.
(p.13)

Author: Katherine Applegate

The Bookwanderers

What does Tilly say her homework will be during school break?



The Bookwanderers

What does Tilly say her homework
will be during school break?

To read a book she has
never read before.

(p.5)

Author: Anna James



Pawcasso

What is the name of the
bookstore?



Pawcasso

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bookstore?

Dog Ears.
(p.13)



Author: Remy Lai

El Deafo

As Cece begins to fantasize about being a superhero, what supervillain name does she give to Laura?



El Deafo

As Cece begins to fantasize about being a superhero, what supervillain name does she give to Laura?

Super Bossypants.
(p.58)



Author: Cece Bell

Round 2 – 5th Grade



Ready, Set, Dough!

What is the main character's favorite color?



Ready, Set, Dough!

What is the main character's
favorite color?



Orange (p.1)

Author: Kelly J Baptist

The Green Ember

Complete this quote by Galt from the prologue. “You’re only a traitor if you betray _____.”



The Green Ember

Complete this quote by Galt from the prologue. “You’re only a traitor if you betray _____.”

Yourself.

(p.8)

Author: S.D. Smith



The Losers Club

What color is the “Hot Seat”.



The Losers Club

What color is the “Hot Seat”.

Red.

(p.1)



Author: Andrew Clements

Out of My Mind

What is Melody's mom's first name?



Out of My Mind

What is Melody's mom's first name?

A. Diane
(p.76)



Author: Sharon M Draper

When Stars are Scattered

What is the soccer ball made of that the boys play with?



When Stars are Scattered

What is the soccer ball made of that the boys play with?

A. Plastic Bags
(p.20)



Authors: Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed

A large, dark silhouette of a dragon is positioned in the background, facing left. In front of the dragon's body, there is a smaller silhouette of a knight in full plate armor, holding a sword upright in his right hand and a shield in his left. The knight is also facing left. The entire scene is set against a dark gray background, with a solid yellow vertical bar on the far left edge.

The End

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