



## AUBURN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

- Each team must have **3 to 6 readers**.
- Each team must have a **parent/guardian who will serve as the team's coach**.

*(See website or Team Coach Handout.)*

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### RULES

#### 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.**

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### FINAL BATTLE FORMAT

#### 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:

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

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

#### 5. Winner

- After the final round, the team with the **highest total score** wins.

#### 6. Tiebreakers

- Tied teams will receive a tiebreaker question.
- Multiple tiebreakers may be used until a clear winner is determined.

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### Additional Rules for Participants

#### 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.

##### 5. Have Fun!

#### 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.

### 5. Have Fun!

## Spectator Rules

1. **Cheering on your team fairly.** Team signs are allowed in the spectator area only and may not include any book-specific information (including author names).

2. **Set a good example of good sportsmanship.** Do not shout answers or give any "clues"

3. **Have fun!**

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## EXAMPLE QUESTION

### Question:

*In the book **Charlotte's Web**, what kind of farm animal is Wilbur?*

- Team's Answer:
  - **8 points** for a correct answer
  - **4 points** if only partially correct
- Author of the Book:
  - **2 points** if correct

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## QUESTIONS?

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