

Battle of the Books

Coaching Responsibilities and Tips

Responsibilities:

- Attend one of the following Coaches Meetings on Monday, December 4th 2017 at 7 p.m. or Thursday, December 7th 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Baldwin Public Library. It is highly encouraged that coaches attend one of these meetings. Registration is required. We will discuss Battle rules, guidelines, give sample questions, and answer any questions. This meeting is for coaches only, not students.
- Help teams stay on track and come up with a strategy to prepare for Battle.
- Make sure teams are registered by Wednesday, January 10th 2018.
- Meet with the team regularly to offer encouragement, check on reading progress, help team members learn author names and facts from the books.
- Act as the point person for communication between the Library, team members, and their parents in regards to Battle information. Please keep the Library informed of any problems or changes. You may call us at 248-554-4670 or email the Library at youth.reference@baldwinlib.org.
- Make sure your team members and their families understand the rules and expectations of the Battle.
- Arrange for transportation for your team to and from the Battle at Birmingham Seaholm High School on Saturday, February 10th 2018. Teams must be at Seaholm by 9:15 a.m. and the Battle will commence @ 10:00 a.m.

Tips:

- Build team spirit by meeting regularly and planning and creating team spirit attire for the day of the Battle.
- Decide who will read which books. It is recommended that every book is read by at least two team members. You are more likely to earn a higher score if each teammate reads most or all of the books.
- Decide how often you will meet to discuss books.
- Hold mock battles or other trivia games based on the books.
- Have the kids make up their own practice questions and quiz each other during meetings.
- Make sure each student can correctly write the first and last name of each author.
- Have the kids write down the plot outlines of each book.
- Have the kids make a list of the characters and write down important details about them.
- Make sure kids know what the setting is for each book.

- Coaches may want to read all of the books.
- Serve snacks at meetings and play games before your meeting starts.
- Help your team celebrate after the Battle with an ice cream outing or pizza party.
- Keep it fun!