

Battle of the Books

Coaching Responsibilities and Tips

Responsibilities:

- Be the contact person between the Library and the team. Keep the Library and the team members informed of changes or other pertinent information.
- Make sure teams are registered by Wednesday, January 9th 2019.
- Meet with the team 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 Groves High School on Saturday, February 2nd 2018. Teams must be at Groves by 9:15 a.m. and the Battle will commence @ 10:00 a.m.

Tips:

- Build team spirit by planning and creating team spirit attire for the day of the Battle. No book titles, covers, or author names in outfits.
- 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, character traits and important details about them.
- Assign one student to be the writer for the group.
- Practice asking a question and writing down the answer in 20 seconds.
- 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!