

Battle of the Books Information for Students

Battle of the Books is a fun way to show your love of reading and actually earn some great prizes for it! All you need to do is grab up to 4 friends (teams should be 5 people or less) from Grades 7 & 8 and read the list of librarian-chosen books. A trivia competition (and chaos!) will ensue. Keep in mind, you don't all have to be from the same school to be a team.

As a team, you should decide who's going to read what books & how many books everyone wants to read. You can have team members read 2 books apiece, have all team members read every book, or some combination between. It's really up to you!

IMPORTANT : Teams will be required to know how to correctly spell authors' last names in order to receive credit.

You will need to have a responsible person (18 years or older) to act as your **Team Manager**. The Manager is there to help you get organized, practice for the battle, and provide transportation the night of the event. In the past, teams have asked a parent, a teacher, an older sibling, or their school librarian to be a Team Manager.

Here are some rules that you'll need to know about before heading into the library to check out books for the Battle of the Books:

- The books can only be borrowed on a library card belonging to a team member. Please limit checkouts to 3 books per team member.
- If your library charges fines, fines for Battle Books are **\$0.25/day**.
- If your library doesn't have the book ask a librarian to order you a copy from another library

Here's what happens on the night of the Book Battle. First, your team will need to arrive at Quaker Valley Middle School at least 15 minutes before the start time. You'll sign in, set up your area, and fill out any necessary forms. Your team manager will be present, but he/she will be working as a Scorekeeper for a different team during the battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. After the question is asked twice, teams will have **20 seconds to write down their answers**. Play will continue in this manner for the next 3 questions. The Moderator will announce the answers for the first 4 questions. **If your team answers correctly you get 4 points, plus a bonus point if you can give the last name of the author, spelled correctly.** This means that each question is worth a potential 5 points. Please note that there is no partial credit given for answers.

The Moderator and Judges will decide if an answer is correct, and **that decision is final**. Play will resume as above for the rest of the round. There will be three rounds with one question from each book per round. At the end of each round, scorecards will be collected and verified, and at the end of the third round, the Judges will tally all scores. If there is a tie, a lightning round will take place between the tied teams. Once a clear winner has been determined, the Battle Moderator will announce the winners. **The top three teams will receive prizes.**

So, are you interested yet? To get started grab this booklist and a registration form. Find 4 friends in 6th grade, find a responsible adult to be a Team Manager, create a name for your team, and start reading!!! All final registration forms are due **Wednesday, January 31, 2024 by 8:00 PM**.

Questions??? Visit www.moonlibrary.org OR <https://sewickleylibrary.org> for more info

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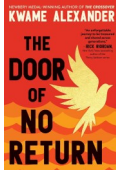
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7th & 8th GRADE BATTLE of the BOOKS 2024

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**Wednesday, February 21,
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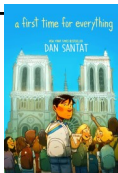
**Quaker Valley Middle
School Auditorium**



Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander
In his village in Upper Kwanta, 11-year-old Kofi loves his family, playing oware with his grandfather and swimming in the river Ofin. He's warned though, to never go to the river at night. His brother tells him "There are things about the water you do not know. " Like what? Kofi asks. "The beasts." His brother answers. One fateful night, the unthinkable happens and in a flash, Kofi's world turns upside down. Kofi soon ends up in a fight for his life and what happens next will send him on a harrowing journey across land and sea, and away from everything he loves.

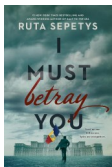
First Time For Everything by Dan Santat

Dan's always been a good kid. The kind of kid who listens to his teachers, helps his mom with grocery shopping, and stays out of trouble. But being a good kid doesn't stop him from being bullied and feeling like he's invisible, which is why Dan has low expectations when his parents send him on a class trip to Europe. At first, he's right. He's stuck with the same girls from his middle school who love to make fun of him, and he doesn't know why his teacher insisted he come on this trip. But as he travels through France, Germany, Switzerland, and England, a series of first experiences begin to change him—first Fanta, first fondue, first time stealing a bike from German punk rockers... and first love.



Gideon Green in Black & White by Katie Henry

Gideon's short-lived run as a locally famous boy detective ended when middle school started, and everyone else—including his best friend, Lily—moved on while Gideon kept holding on to his trench coat, fedora, and his treasured film noir collection. Now he's sixteen and officially retired. That is, until Lily shows up suddenly at Gideon's door, needing his help. He might be mad at her for cutting him off with no explanation, but Gideon can't turn down a case. As a cover, Gideon joins Lily on the school paper. Surprisingly, he finds himself warming up to the welcoming, close-knit staff . . . especially Tess, the cute, witty editor-in-chief. But as the case gets bigger than Gideon or Lily could have anticipated, Gideon must balance his black-and-white quest for the truth with the full colors of real life—or risk a permanent fade to black.



I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys
Romania, 1989. Communist regimes are crumbling across Europe. Seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu dreams of becoming a writer, but Romanians aren't free to dream; they are bound by rules and force. Amidst the tyrannical dictatorship of Nicolae Ceaușescu in a country governed by isolation and fear, Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer. He's left with only two choices: betray everyone and everything he loves—or use his position to creatively undermine the most notoriously evil dictator in Eastern Europe. Cristian risks everything to unmask the truth behind the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country. He eagerly joins the revolution to fight for change when the time arrives. But what is the cost of freedom?

Magic Steeped in Poison by Judy Lin

For Ning, the only thing worse than losing her mother is knowing that it's her own fault. She was the one who unknowingly brewed the poison tea that killed her—the poison tea that now threatens to also take her sister, Shu. When Ning hears of a competition to find the kingdom's greatest shennong-shi—masters of the ancient and magical art of tea-making—she travels to the imperial city to compete. The winner will receive a favor from the princess, which may be Ning's only chance to save her sister's life. But between the backstabbing competitors, bloody court politics, and a mysterious (and handsome) boy with a shocking secret, Ning might actually be the one in more danger.

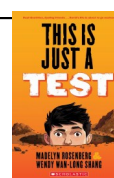


The Midnight Children by Dan Gemeinhart

In the dead of night, a truck arrives in Slaughterville, a small town curiously named after its windowless slaughterhouse. Seven mysterious kids with suitcases step out of the vehicle and into an abandoned home on a dead-end street, looking over their shoulders to make sure they aren't noticed. But Ravani Foster covertly witnesses their arrival from his bedroom window. Timid and lonely, Ravani is eager to learn everything he can about his new neighbors: What secrets are they hiding? And most mysterious of all...where are the adults? Yet amid this shadowy group of children, Ravani finds an unexpected friend in the warm and gutsy Virginia. But with this friendship comes secrets revealed—and danger. When Ravani learns of a threat to his new friends, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him.

This Is Just a Test by Madelyn Rosenberg & Wendy Wan-Long Shang

David Da-Wei Horowitz has a lot on his plate. Preparing for his upcoming bar mitzvah would be enough work even if it didn't involve trying to please his Jewish and Chinese grandmothers, who argue about everything. But David just wants everyone to be happy. That includes his friend Scott, who is determined to win their upcoming trivia tournament but doesn't like their teammate -- and David's best friend -- Hector. Scott and David begin digging a fallout shelter just in case this Cold War stuff with the Soviets turns south... but David's not so convinced he wants to spend forever in an underground bunker with Scott. Maybe it would be better if Hector and Kelli Ann came with them. But that would mean David has to figure out how to stand up for Hector and talk to Kelli Ann. Some days, surviving nuclear war feels like the least of David's problems.



This Is Not the Jess Show by Anna Carey

The year is 1998: Titanic just won six Oscars, boy bands are dominating MTV's airwaves, and like any other teenager Jess Flynn is just trying to survive high school. Between a crush on her childhood best friend, overprotective parents, and her sister's worsening health, the only constant is her hometown of Swickley, which feels smaller by the day. Jess is resigned to her small-town life, until the day she discovers a mysterious device with an apple logo, causing her to question everything and everyone she's ever known. As more cracks appear in Jess's world, she faces a choice: can she live the rest of her life knowing it's a lie, or should she risk everything for the truth?


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