

Battle of the Books Information for Students

BOB is a fun way to show your love of reading and earn some great prizes for it! All you need to do is grab up to four friends (as teams should be made up of five or fewer people) from 7&8th Grade, read the list of librarian-chosen books, and participate in our trivia competition. Keep in mind that teammates don't have to attend the same school.

As a team, decide who's going to read which books and how many books everyone wants to read. You can have each team member read two books, all of the books, or some other combination. It's up to you!

IMPORTANT: Teams will be required to correctly spell authors' last names to receive full credit during the Battle.

Your team will need a responsible adult (18 years or older) to be 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, teacher, older sibling, or school librarian to be their Team Managers. The Team Manager is also responsible for attending the Battle and keeping score for a different team.

Here are some rules to know before checking out BOB books from your library:

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

Questions? Visit moonlibrary.org OR sewickleylibrary.org for more info.

The Night of Battle

On the night of the Battle, your team will need to arrive at Quaker Valley Middle School at least 15 minutes before the start time. You'll check in, set up your area, and fill out any necessary forms. Your Team Manager must be present, as they will be working as a Scorekeeper for a different team during the Battle.

The Battle Moderator will begin by asking the first question twice. Then, teams will have **20 seconds to write down their answers**. Play will continue in this manner for the next five questions. The Moderator will announce the answers for the first five questions. **If your team answers correctly, you will earn four points, plus a bonus point if you have correctly spelled the author's last name.** This means that each question is worth, at most, five 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 for the rest of the round. There will be three rounds, and every round will include one question from each book. 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.**

Interested yet?? To get started, grab this booklist and a registration form. Find up to four friends in 7&8th 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 **January 31, 2027, by 8:00 PM.**

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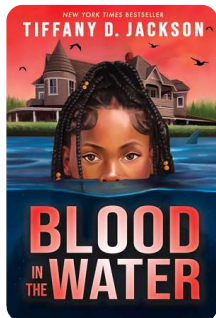
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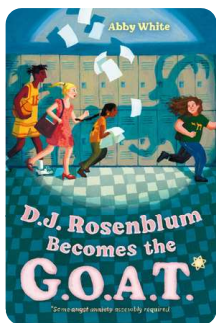
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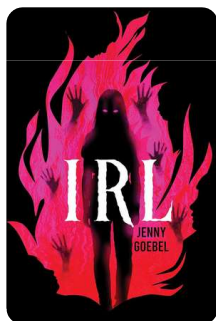
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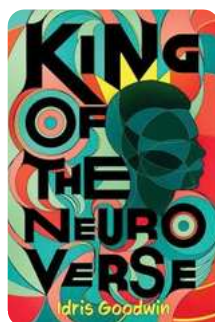
Blood in the Water
by **Tiffany D. Jackson**
Brooklyn girl Kaylani McKinnon is thrust into an intricate web of lies when a shocking murder on Martha's Vineyard threatens to expose dangerous secrets.



D.J. Rosenblum Becomes the G.O.A.T.
by **Abby White**
D.J. Rosenblum moves to Briar after her cousin Rachel's death. With help from a talkative journalist, a sharp hacker, and her Torah tutor, D.J. pieces together Rachel's final days.



IRL by **Jenny Goebel**
Lucy is happy to leave her bullies behind and move to rural Alaska. But when she enters her new school's address on her phone's GPS, she is led to a crumbling, clearly abandoned building. Are her online classmates all that they seem to be?



King of the Neuro Verse
by **Idris Goodwin**
Stuck in summer school, Pernell navigates life and the challenges of ADHD while battling to become the Cypher King, leader of the lunchroom's impromptu rap circles.



The Island of Forgotten Gods by **Victor Pineiro**
Nico and his cousins' seemingly boring summer in Puerto Rico takes a horrific turn when they encounter the legendary chupacabra, a cult, and the gods who created the island.



Moonstorm
by **Yoon Ha Lee**
Hwa Young, an orphan from a destroyed rebel moon, must decide where her loyalties really lie after uncovering a conspiracy while becoming an Imperial pilot in this fast-paced science fiction novel.



Westfallen
by **Ann Brashares**
Twins from different decades communicate across time and inadvertently alter the outcome of World War II. With the German Nazis in control, the trios of friends desperately try to restore history to its original course. Told from multiple points of view, this suspenseful, action-packed novel combines time-travel science fiction with historical thriller.



A Wizard of Earthsea: A Graphic Novel
by **Ursula K. Le Guin**
Ged was the greatest sorcerer in Earthsea, but in his youth, he was the reckless Sparrowhawk. In his hunger for power and knowledge, he tampered with long-held secrets, unleashing a terrible shadow on the world.



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