Elementary Battle of the Books

Frequently Asked Questions
What is EBOB?

- Group of 4th and 5th grade students
  - Max of 12 students/team

- List of 15 books
  - Chosen by the North Carolina School Library Media Association

- Strengthens reading comprehension
  - Multiple readings
  - Competition-like questions
  - At-home reading
  - Mock Battles

- Practices every OTHER Thursday starting October 3rd

- Davidson County Battle of the Books District Competition in MARCH
2019-2020 EBOB Visual Book List

For a written printable copy of this list, please visit
https://ncslma.wildapricot.org/Competitions
How are teams formed?

1. Tell Mrs. Smith if you want to try out

2. Return parent permission slip
   a. You cannot take the quiz if I do not have this form!

3. Read 3 try-out books

4. Take ONE qualifying quiz on all 3 books AND title/author quiz on Monday, September 30th.
Try-out Books: Choose 3

1. The Key to Extraordinary by Natalie Lloyd
2. The League of Seven by Alan Gratz
3. Smells Like Dog by Suzanne Selfors
4. Ungifted by Gordon Korman
Things to Remember

- ONE qualifying attempt ONLY
- Former team members have to try out AND place
- At-home commitment
  - BattleQuestions
  - Reading journals: SHOW your THINKING!
    - Reading Response Letters
    - Sketches
    - Thinking Blobs
  - Reading journals discussed at every practice
- Practice ENDS at 3:30 PM!
Practices

• 2:30 - 3:30 PM every OTHER THURSDAY starting on Thursday, October 3rd.

• Start with snack/bathroom and BattleQuestions

• Whole-group Kahoot practice

• Go over at-home activities

• Digital projects

• Mock Battles
  • Prepare for formal mock battle against Friendship Elementary
At-Home Commitment

• Read expert books

• Write in reading journal

• Complete short at-home assignments based on:
  • Character analysis
  • Plot development (story map)
  • Story elements
  • ...and more!
Reading Journals

**Letters**

Letters written to me, Ms. McIntrye, or the author of the book about what you’re reading.

The letters can include reflections, questions, and connections the reader is having.

**Sketches**

Readers can illustrate their favorite part of their reading that night and write about why it was their favorite part.

All drawings must be accompanied by a caption as well as the page numbers where the scene took place.

**Thinking Blobs**

Combination of letters, sketches, and sticky notes on one page.

While reading, if a student comes to a memorable part or quote, they should write it down or write it on a sticky note.
Competition Questions

• All start with “In which book....”
  • No parts of the title or characters

• The answer is always the book title AND author
  • 2 points for correct title, 1 point for correct author

• VERY, VERY, VERY detailed!!!
Rules & Procedures

• Max of 12 students on one team

• 6 students compete at one time
  • TWO expert teams (small groups) will be formed

• 12 questions per round; 6 questions to each team

• Most points in a round = **ROUND WINNER**

• Most total points at the end of the competition = **COMPETITION WINNER**
More Rules & Procedures

- Moderator will say student’s name, the question, and then the student’s name AGAIN...THEN the timer starts.
- 20 seconds to answer question.
- Communicate with group before answering.
- Talking at an inappropriate time = warning.
- Wrong answer? Opposing team gets a chance to answer same question within 10 seconds for 1 or 2 points.
• Competition winners in March compete in MAY against other district winners

In March 2018, our team won the Davidson County School District EBOB competition!

This was a Wallburg FIRST!