



# SCISA

## Battle of the Books

- **Regional competition - November 7, 2017**
- **Deadline - October 10, 2017.**
- Regional locations and assignments will be determined after the October 10<sup>th</sup> deadline.

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSOR'S PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S NAME/EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the SCISA dress code (See SCISA website):*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Sponsor's Signature*

We will enter the following team(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Grades 3-5 Lower School Division (1 team per school)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of students on your team (*# of team members is unlimited, however only 6 compete during each round*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Grades 6-8 Middle School Division (1 team per school)

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of students on your team (*# of team members is unlimited, however only 6 compete during each round*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Are you willing to host? (Y/N) *If so, please call Lyndi Bonnette to discuss details.*

Complete form and mail with \$50.00 (per school) to:

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1. You may have as many students as you wish on your team; however, when your school is called to come on stage, you may only send 6 students for that round. The next time your school is called to compete, you may send the same students, all different students, or a combination of both. **Each team will be accompanied to the stage with a sponsor. The sponsor will be seated near the competition table and is merely there in case of a challenge. Students are to signal their sponsor if they feel a challenge is warranted. If the sponsor interferes with the questioning in any way other than a challenge, then the team will be warned only once. Immediate disqualification will follow for the second offense.**
2. A school may compete with a team of less than 6 members.
3. Students do not have to read all 20 books on their list in order to participate in the competition. There are, of course, a few great readers who complete the whole list, but students who have read only a portion of the list can still be a huge advantage to a team.
4. Two teams will be on stage at a time for competition.
5. After each question is asked, the team will have 30 seconds to discuss the question; a ten second verbal warning will be issued, then one member of the team will answer the question for the team. If the answer is not received before the verbal "time" the question goes directly to the other team. **They will have fifteen (15) seconds with a five (5) second warning to answer.**
6. The members of the team will take turns answering the questions by rotating in order around the table.
7. Every question begins with, "In what book . . . . .?" The answer must include the title of the book and the author in order to receive three points; if only the title is correct, the team will receive two points. The last name of the author is acceptable.
8. If a team misses a question, that same question goes to the other team. If they answer it correctly, they will receive two points (for title and author) or one point (for title only).
9. All questions were provided by the National Battle of the Books organization.
10. As the competition continues, teams will be eliminated based on points. The team with the highest number of points at the end of the competition will be the winner.
11. The order of schools competing against each other was drawn by the SCISA staff.
12. Teams will receive a warning if
  - They begin discussing an answer while the question is still being read.
  - They begin discussing an answer, and it's not their question.
  - Not all members of a team answer a question during a round.
  - **If a team member prompts their team speaker who is giving the answer to a question after the speaker has already begun, the team will be disqualified for that question.**
13. If a team receives a second warning throughout the competition, it will lose 3 points from its overall score.

- 14. If a team wishes to challenge an answer, they must do so before the question goes to the other team for rebuttal. Students are to immediately signal their sponsor if they feel their challenge is warranted. The sponsor will then get the attention of the moderator. The moderator will meet with that sponsor and both judges. The challenging team will be given a copy of the book in question and have ten minutes to find proof to support their challenge. No penalty is given if a challenging team cannot find evidence to support their claim. The sponsor may initiate a challenge on her own if she feels it is warranted even if her team has not signaled her to pursue a challenge. The competition will continue pursuant to the judges' ruling of the challenge.**



## Battle of the Books Process and Scoring of the Competition

- I. Phase One (Regional and State Competitions)
  - a. There are fifteen rounds of questions. The number of rounds is determined by the schools participating in that year's Battle of the Books.
  - b. Two schools compete in each round.
  - c. There are twelve questions each round, six for each school competing in that round.
  - d. Teams are awarded 3 points for giving the correct answer of title and author.
  - e. Teams are awarded 2 points for giving the correct title only.
  - f. If a team misses a question, that same question goes to the other team for rebuttal.
    - i. The rebuttal team will receive 2 points if they give the correct title and author.
    - ii. The rebuttal team will receive 1 point if they give the correct title only.
  - g. If there is an odd number of schools competing, there will be one round with three schools participating and eighteen questions in that round, six for each school. All other rules for scoring apply.
- II. Phase Two (State Competition Only)
  - a. At the end of the fifteen rounds, the four schools with the highest scores will advance to the second round.
  - b. Scoring will begin over in Phase Two.
  - c. There will be four rounds; each school will compete two times.
  - d. The number of questions and manner of scoring remains the same.
  - e. The competition may skip Phase Two completely and go directly to Phase Three if time dictates.

### III. Phase Three (State Competition Only)

- a. At the end of Phase Two (if time permits,) the top two schools will then be determined for competition in this Phase.
- b. Scoring will begin over in Phase Three.
- c. The number of questions will be determined at the beginning of this Phase and will be dictated by the amount of time left.
- d. The manner of scoring remains the same in this Phase.
- e. At the end of the designated amount of questions, the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.

### **Sponsors of Battle of the Books teams:**

- Some of the book titles on these lists have alternate titles listed on other sites; however, SCISA has decided that the book titles provided with this email are the titles that must be given by team members in both the regional and state competitions. The titles must be given exactly as listed.
- The pronunciation of the authors' names does not have to be correct as long as the judges can tell what the students are saying, but [www.teachingbooks.net/pronunciations.cgi](http://www.teachingbooks.net/pronunciations.cgi) is an excellent website to visit. It lists most of the authors with a link of the correct pronunciation and often with a personal comment from the author.
- Giving only the last name of the author is acceptable; however, if your team chooses to provide both the first and last names of the author, they both must be correct to receive credit. For example, if the author is Jane Yolen, Yolen is correct, Jane Yolen is correct, but Joan Yolen would be incorrect.

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## Lower School List 2017-2018

TITLE	AUTHOR
The White Mountains (The Tripods)	John Christopher
Ice Magic	Matt Christopher
What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?	Jean Fritz
My Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library	Chris Grabenstein
Redwall (Redwall, Book 1)	Brian Jacques
Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer	Kelly Jones
Harry's Mad	Dick King-Smith
Masterminds	Gordon Korman
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson Levine
Number the Stars	Lois Lowry
Wonder	R.J. Palacio
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Scared Stiff	Willo Davis Roberts
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan
Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team	Audrey Vernick
On the Banks of Plum Creek	Laura Ingalls Wilder
Love, Ruby Lavender	Deborah Wiles
The Castle in the Attic	Elizabeth Winthrop

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## Middle School List 2017-2018

TITLE	AUTHOR
Eight Cousins	Louisa May Alcott
A String in the Harp	Nancy Bond
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas	John Boyne
Walk Two Moons	Sharon Creech
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul Curtis
Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle Maker's Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty	Russell Freedman
On the Far Side of the Mountain	Jean Craighead George
Our Only May Amelia	Jennifer Holm
The Lottery Rose	Irene Hunt
A Ring of Endless Light	Madeleine L'Engle
A Single Shard	Linda Sue Park
Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life	James Patterson
The Young Man and the Sea	Rodman Philbrick
Death Mountain	Sherry Shahan
Counting by 7's	Holly Sloan
Elephant Run	Roland Smith
The Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Snyder
Baseball in April and other stories	Gary Soto
The Land	Mildred D. Taylor
Surviving the Applewhites	Stephanie S. Tolen