



Battle of the Books Coaches Meeting

November 19, 21, & 23, 2019

AGENDA

Event date: Friday, April 17, 2020

- **Welcome**
- **Goals for students**
- **Book list review**
- **Logistics of how the Battle is played**
 - Processional
 - Gym is divided into grid; students sit on floor; coach on a chair
 - Four rounds of 12-13 questions each, 15 min break after round 2
 - Moderator reads question twice; 30 seconds to discuss and circle answers; answers collected
 - Types of questions
 - Scoring (see p. 5-6 in the Coach's Handbook)
- **Costumes**
 - Encourage your students' creativity in costumes
 - Judges will look for costumes *designed and produced by students*
 - See additional criteria in the Coach's Handbook, p. 8
- **Signs**
 - Purpose of the sign is to identify your team in the parade. Signs should be no larger than a standard poster board: 22" x 28".
 - See additional criteria in the Coach's Handbook, p. 8
- **Coach responsibilities**
 - Before the Battle:
 - Respond to communications from HCLS in a timely manner
 - Build team spirit and encourage good sportsmanship among team members; encourage and reward students
 - Set up regular meetings with your team to prepare for the battle; write practice questions
 - Convey information from HCLS to team members and their parents
 - See additional responsibilities in the Coach's Handbook at hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks
 - During the battle:
 - Encourage good sportsmanship with your team and the team you sit with during the Battle

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- **Important deadline / dates:**
 - Feb 7:
 - Team name change
 - Final list of team players

 - Signed participation and photo release forms
 - Special accommodations
 - March 24, 25, or 26
 - Logistics meeting
 - 7 – 8 pm at HCLS Miller Branch
 - Tickets distributed to coaches
 - Teams receive Battle locations
- **Important Information for Parents**
 - Respond to communications from coaches in a timely manner
 - Check FAQs at hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks
 - Two tickets per student
 - See p. 10 of Coach’s Handbook at hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks for arrival times, expectations, responsibilities, etc.
- **FAQs**
 - Check frequently
 - hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks
- **Q&A**
- **Contact us** at bob@hclibrary.org (include team name and school)