



Battle of the Books Coaches Meeting

November 16, 2020

AGENDA

Event date: Friday, April 16, 2020

- **Welcome**
- **Goals for students**
 - Build teamwork skills
 - Learn good sportsmanship skills
 - Read different genres (e.g., science fiction, graphic novels, nonfiction)
 - Increase reading comprehension
 - Have fun!
- **Coach responsibilities**
 - 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
 - Attend virtual meeting in March
 - Check [FAQs web page](#) for updates
- **Prepare for the Battle**
 - Decide who will read each book. Make sure at least two team members read each book. The most successful teams have all team members read all the books and assign “experts” for each book.
 - Decide how often you will meet to discuss the books.
 - Hold mock battles or “Jeopardy” style games based on the books.
 - Have students compose practice questions to quiz each other during the meetings. Remember questions on all parts of the books are valid.
 - Contact your school’s media specialist to determine if other teams from your school are participating so you can practice together.
- **Types of Questions**
 - Direct quote from one of the characters
 - Statement about something that happens in the book
 - Passage directly from the book
 - Details about illustration or picture
- **Review titles**
- **Important deadline / dates:**
 - Nov 17, 19 and 21:
 - Contactless pickup of book sets
 - Form to sign up: <https://hclibrary.org/new-a-main/battle-of-the-books/bob-coaches-information/book-pickups/>
 - Feb 8:

- Team name change
 - Final list of team players
 - Signed participation and photo release forms
 - Special accommodations
 - March 23, 24, or 25
 - Logistics meeting via Zoom
 - April 16
 - Virtual Battle of the Books
- **Parent Responsibilities**
 - Respond to communications from coaches in a timely manner
 - Check FAQs at hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks
- **FAQs**
 - Check frequently
 - hclibrary.org/battleofthebooks
- **Q&A**
- **Contact us at bob@hclibrary.org** (include team name and school)