



The Novi Public Library

Battle of the Books 2009-2010

Rules/Procedures

1. The Battle will start March 20, promptly at 1:00 p.m. Please try to arrive by 12:30 p.m. to have your team photo taken.
2. Pencils and answer sheets will be provided. Please do NOT bring books or notes to the Battle.
3. **For each question, the team will need to identify an answer and the author of the book.** A list of authors will be printed on each answer sheet. Teams will indicate their choice by circling the author's name.
4. Questions will be asked for a period of *approximately* 40 minutes. A Youth Services librarian will read each question once. Each team will have 30 seconds to **quietly** discuss and decide on an answer, with the team captain making the final decision about what is written. At the end of the allotted time period, the team scribe (a previously-selected member of the team with good penmanship) will hand the team's written answer to the coach seated at his/her table.
5. Teams **will not** be able to ask the librarian to explain or repeat any questions, so it is important to listen carefully while the questions are being read.
6. A Youth Services librarian will provide the correct answer and author. Coaches will award points for the correct answer and the correct author.
7. A runner will carry the team's answer sheet from the coach to the scorekeepers as soon as the points have been awarded.
8. At the end of the contest, the scorekeepers will tally each team's points and determine whether a tie-breaker question is needed. Tiebreaker questions will be used only in the event of a tie.
9. Any questions/concerns regarding a team's answers will be addressed during the Battle. Coaches should raise their hand and a librarian will assist you in scoring.
10. The team earning the most number of points will be the winner.

11. If necessary, up to five tiebreaker questions will be asked. Any ties remaining after that will stand.
12. If a player is absent, the remaining players play as a team with no substitutes.
13. The audience may not coach members of the team or talk while the questions are being answered.
14. Each team's coach will keep score for another team.
15. Scoring: Correct author: 1 point
Correct answer: 4 points
16. Refreshments will be provided following the Battle.

**Battle of the Books titles will be announced at the Coaches' Meeting
December 15 at 7:00 pm**

Each team will receive a set of the following titles in paperback.
The books may be kept by the team members following the Battle of the Books.