



Glenview Public Library Battle of the Books 2010

Rules

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What is Battle of the Books?

Battle of the Books is a program at the Glenview Public Library where 4th and 5th graders who live in Glenview or attend a Glenview school form teams of four, read books, and participate in a meet to test their knowledge of the books. Registration is done through the schools under the guidance of the school librarian, or, if the participant is a resident but does not attend a Glenview school, at the Glenview Public Library, from Monday, September 29 to Monday, October 26. This year's book list is available at the library or at www.glenviewpl.org/battleofthebooks.htm.

Before the Meets

The meets begin January 25, 2010, and will be held in the Maynard Room at the Glenview Public Library. They start promptly at 4 p.m., and participants should arrive at least 10 minutes early. When participants arrive, they should check in at the registration desk. If any original team members cannot compete, the team will have to compete without the missing member. No substitutions or alternates will be allowed unless the change has been arranged with the Glenview Public Library in advance.

During the Meet

The meet is divided into three rounds. During rounds one and two, each team will be asked seven questions for a total of 14 questions. The teams will be asked, in turn, to choose from Boxes 1, 2, or 3. Questions are then pulled from the selected box, at random, by the moderator. Each team should determine which teammate will give the answers to the moderator, because the first answer given will be taken as the response. When a team gives the correct title they will receive five points. When they also give the correct author, they will receive one additional point. All that is required is the author's last name. If a team does not know the answer to a question, that question is put aside. It will not be offered to another team. There will be a short break between rounds one and two.

The third round is the Bonus Round. Each team will be asked three questions selected from four boxes labeled with a subject category (for instance, "adventure," "historical," "animals," etc.). At times, a box may be labeled with two or more genres. In this round teams are required to give the title of the book only; authors'

names are not required and do not receive any additional points. When a team answers with the correct title they will receive 10 points. Again, if a team does not know the answer to a question, that question is put aside. It will not be offered to another team. Scores will not be given out during or immediately after the meet. They will be posted in the Youth Services Department the following day, or team members may call to check the score.

SAMPLE QUESTION

In which book does a boy receive an invisibility cloak for Christmas?

TITLE: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

AUTHOR: Rowling

After the Meet

At the conclusion of all the meets, the teams with the five highest scores will have their names placed on the Honor Roll plaque, which will be posted in the Youth Services Department.

Rescheduling

If a team is unable to attend on its scheduled date, the team members should contact their school librarian, or if none, Lisa Palmer at the Glenview Public Library, (847) 729-7500. Every attempt will be made to reschedule so that all who have shown interest may participate. However, if a team does not contact us to reschedule and does not appear at their scheduled meet, that team will receive a score of zero and the team will forfeit the chance to participate. If an individual member is unable to honor his or her commitment to the team, he should immediately notify the other members of the team and the school librarian.

More information @ www.glenviewpl.org/battleofthebooks.htm

