

What is Battle of the Books?



- A quiz-bowl style competition that takes place at the end of the school year
- Students compete by answering questions about the novels on the annual book list provided by FAME.
- The questions are **student-generated, text-dependent** questions written by Volusia County students each year.

Battle Rules and Guidelines

The Team

- **Each school will be permitted to send one team of no more than 5 members to compete.**
- **A team captain must be assigned. The team captain will be responsible for providing the team's answer. The team captain will be the only person to provide a response.**

Battle Format

- **There are two rounds of battles - Preliminary Battles and the Final Battle.**
- **The two schools with the highest scores from the Preliminary Battles will advance to the Final Battle.**
- **The winning team of the Final Battle will be the Battle of the Books champions.**
- **In the event of a tie, the battle will enter Sudden Death. Similar to rules for a spelling bee, the winning team will need to answer the round question correctly, as well as the champion question.**
- **Each battle will start with 5 low-level questions and then conclude with 5 high-level questions.**

Low-Level Questions

- **Levels of questioning will be indicated on the published list distributed in February.**
- **Low-level questions will be worth 1 point each.**

- **For low-level questions, students will have 20 seconds to discuss the answer before the team captain must provide a response.**

High-Level Questions

- **High-level questions will be worth a total of 2 points (1 point for the correct answer and 1 point for the appropriate textual evidence).**
- **For high-level questions, students will have 30 seconds to discuss the answer before the team captain must provide a response.**

Study Guides/Notes

- **Students will NOT be permitted to use their notes for low-level questions.**
- **Students will be permitted to use their notes for high-level questions.**
- **Students may NOT use their notes during a Sudden Death.**