

Directions for Stephenson Battle of the Books 2021-22

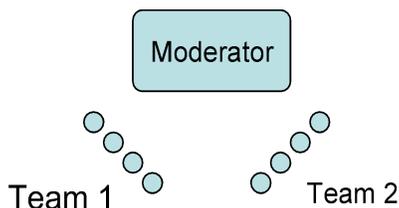
Battles take place between two 4-5 member teams in the Stephenson Library. Students will be masked and will sit 3 feet apart. Questions are asked to one team at a time by the moderator. The students take 15 seconds to brainstorm amongst themselves to arrive at the team's answer, which will be stated by the team spokesperson. There are 2 types of questions that are asked during the battles, "In Which Book" questions and "Content" questions (See below for additional information).

Here is a video on how battles occur (before COVID):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtTsoHtGTLg>

Battles

- We will be sitting 3 feet apart in chairs or on the steps in the reading area.
- The team that arrives first will call the coin toss. The winning team can choose to be Team 1 or Team 2. Team 1 sits on the left. The other, Team 2, will sit on the right.



- Each team identifies their spokesperson. They will be the only person that can convey the team's answer to the questions. The spokesperson should sit near the middle of the group to facilitate discussions.
- **Sportsmanship is important. Any team member disrupting the match, not being a good sport or not abiding by the battle rules, will be asked to leave.**
- **The spokesperson should wait until the entire question has been asked before answering....they should not interrupt the moderator.**
- Scores will be written down on the scoring sheet.
 - o There are 2 types of questions you will be asking;
 1. "In Which Book" (IWB) questions (yellow paper)
Example
In which book is there a boy named Beowolf?
Answer: "The Mysterious Howling", by MaryRose Wood
 2. "Content" questions (blue paper)
Example
In "The Mysterious Howling" by MaryRose Wood, Who makes a scene at the Christmas party?
Answer: Lady Constance
- **Team members should not interrupt or correct their spokesperson after they begin to give the team's answer, the question will move to the other team. Only the spokesperson can answer.**
- When answering IWB questions, the complete title and author's name must be given (as listed on the question card). If a partial title or only part of an author's name is given, it is incorrect. Partial credit can be given for IWB questions if only the book title or author name is correct (first correct answer gets 3 points, other team can try for remaining 2 points)

Scoring

- All questions are worth 5 points
- 8 IWB questions should be asked first. Then ask the 8 Content questions.
- The "In Which Book" (IWB) questions are scored the following way:
 - o Title **AND** Author – 5 points
 - o Either title **OR** author -3 points
 - o Remaining part answered by other team (title or author) -2 points
- If a team doesn't answer a question or a portion of a question correctly, the other team has the opportunity to answer the question....if they answer it correctly, they are awarded the points and then get to answer the next question (You're just sticking to the original team question/answer sequence).
- There are some 2 part Content questions. These questions are scored as follows:
 - o If the team gets one part of their question correct, award them partial credit (3 points) for the part they get correct.
 - o The other team has a chance to answer the remaining part for 2 points.

NOTE: No partial credit is allowed in Content questions unless question is marked "2 Part"

- The score is recorded on each question on the score sheet and on the question cards.
- At the end of the battle, question cards and scores are checked on the score sheet to ensure they agree.
- Total the score for each team and announce the final score.
- Asking for any challenges (see below), each team's spokesperson with agree to the score and sign the score sheet.
- **Tie Breakers:** Round 1 and 2 battles can end in a tie. Round 3 battles cannot end in a tie. For ties in Round 3, please use the questions in the tie-breaker packet. Ask each team an IWB question and each team a Content question (4 total questions). Teams are not allowed to answer a missed question by the other team in the tie-breaker round. If the score remains tied, do another tie-breaker round.

Note a Team's score on the question. See example below-

2011-12 OBOB Level 3 - 5 8 Practice Question
CONTENT Question – Read Title before asking the question.

Title: **11 Birthdays**

S A M P L E

Question:

Name two types of entertainment that were at Leo's birthday party.

Answer:

Paul the Ball, Hypnotist, Band, Cotton Candy

Page # of Answer _____

Score Team 1 **3** _____ Score Team 2 _____

Challenges

- After the battle, the Moderator will ask both team spokespersons if they want to challenge one of their questions. Only ONE question can be challenged. 15 seconds will be provided for a decision to be determined.
- If both teams wish to challenge a question, each team will have a turn. The team to the Moderator's left should go first. The other team must remain silent.
- If a challenge is given, a copy of the book copy will be provided from the library (OBOB section).
- A team cannot challenge another team's answer to a question, only their own team's answer.
- Each challenging team will have 2 minutes to find the page where their answer can be found in the book. The Moderator will not provide page numbers.
- The Moderator will determine whether the challenge is successful or not. An answer may be considered correct by way of inference. If the Moderator accepts the challenge as successful, and the other conditions for gaining a score were fulfilled, the points shall be awarded and the scores amended.
- Only one team will be awarded the points for a correct answer by the Moderator.
- The Moderator will explain the decision and process of amending points to the teams.
- The Moderator will amend the points. Amending points may mean points are removed from the team who was presented the question and awarded to the challenging team.
- The Moderators' decision is ALWAYS FINAL and there is NO further discussion.
- ***Good sportsmanship is important!!*** Teams will air shake hands or hi fives at the end of the match.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mrocha@pps.net

Best,
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