

# AUBURN HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Upon arrival, team advisor will check in and receive packet of answer sheets for their team. When the entire team has arrived, they may be seated at their assigned table.

### **RULES:**

NO BOOKS OR NOTES WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE TABLE WITH THE PARTICIPANTS

NO AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION WILL BE ALLOWED

No one should "visit" a team until the Battle is concluded.

PARTICIPANTS MUST REMAIN SEATED DURING THE BATTLE

There will be a break midway while scores are being subtotaled. In order to keep things moving, we ask that rest room trips be limited to emergencies only.

PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT WRITE ON ANSWER SHEETS BEFORE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED.

For example, the answer sheets to be used may be at a team's table, but there should be no writing on them before the Battle begins--not even to fill-in the author's name.

EACH TEAM ADVISOR WILL BE ASSIGNED TO MONITOR ANOTHER TEAM

Please do not return to "visit" your team until the Battle ends and a winner is declared.

Please treat the team you are monitoring as you would want your team to be treated--conversation is allowed--though, of course, answers should not be suggested!

### **FORMAT:**

1. Moderator will ask the question. It will be repeated.
2. "GO" signal will be given and music will begin. At this point, the answer sheet is handed to the recorder.
3. Teams have 30 seconds to agree on and write the answer to the question. When the "STOP" signal is given they immediately put down pencil and hand answer sheet to the monitor. In the first round, they also write the author's last name.

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4. Teams will not be penalized for incorrect spelling as long as answer is clear.
5. Correct answer will be announced. Monitor will check for correct answer and assign the score for that question:

correct answer and author	6 points
correct answer only	5 points
correct author only	1 point
incorrect answer and author	0 points

Monitor is free to use discretion on whether the intent of the answer is the same as what was announced by the moderator. If it is still unclear, the points are left unassigned and a question mark is placed in that spot. Judges will then look at those and decide if the answer is acceptable. **Their decision is final.** Monitor holds up answer sheet for runner to collect and bring to judging table..

6. After the final question, the team with the most points will be declared the winner.
7. In the event of a tie, the teams involved will be given a tie-breaker question. There will be as many tie-breaks as necessary to determine clear winners.

### **COSTUMES AND DECORATION:**

Team costumes should consist of only things that can be worn. No props will be allowed to be brought to the competition table. Any decorations to the competition table and chairs is strictly prohibited. Team signs are permitted as long as they are kept with the spectators and do not contain any information specific to the books including author names.