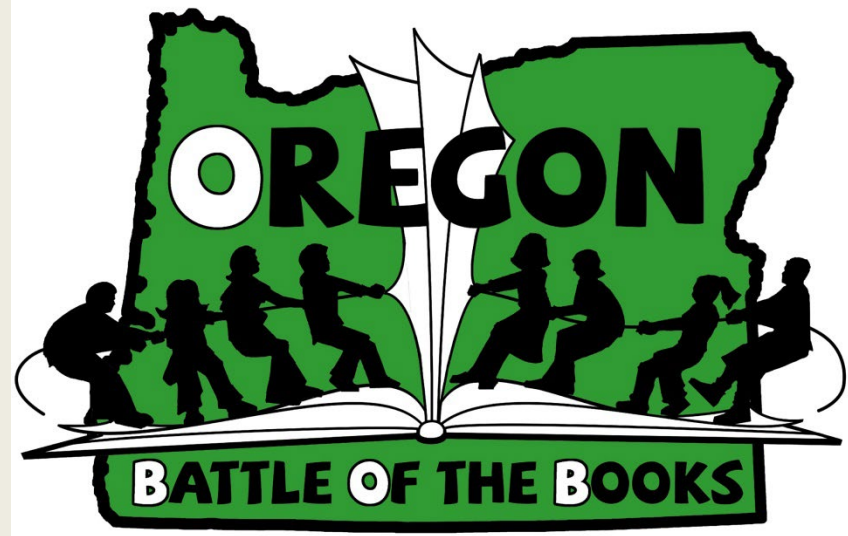


Oregon Battle of the Books



OBOB ORIENTATION & TRAINING



OBOB's Mission



- Recognize students who enjoy reading
- Broaden reading interests
- Increase reading comprehension
- Promote academic excellence
- Promote cooperative learning and teamwork

Thank you!



- OBOB depends on volunteers
- 650+ school and local competitions
 - > 7,000 teams
 - ~ 30,000 students
- School administrators, librarians, teachers, parents, coaches, moderators, volunteers...



We could not do this without you!

What's New in 2023?



- Return to in-person play and full calendar for first time since 2019!
- No steals in Pool Play battles in 3-5 Div.
- Adjustment to spoiled question rule (no more “two bites at the apple”)
- “Round to Go” – Double-length battle at Regionals will be the round that determines who will move on to State (could be semifinals or final)



Tournament Structure



- **School Tournament**

- Structure varies between schools
- One team goes to regional tournament



- **Regional Tournament**

- Pool Play (round robin)
- Bracket Play (single elimination)



- **State Tournament**

- Pool Play (round robin)
- Bracket Play (single elimination)



Regionals Tournament Structure



Pool Play

- Teams battle four times
- Total points (not wins) determines bracket seeding
- No tie-breakers in pool play rounds

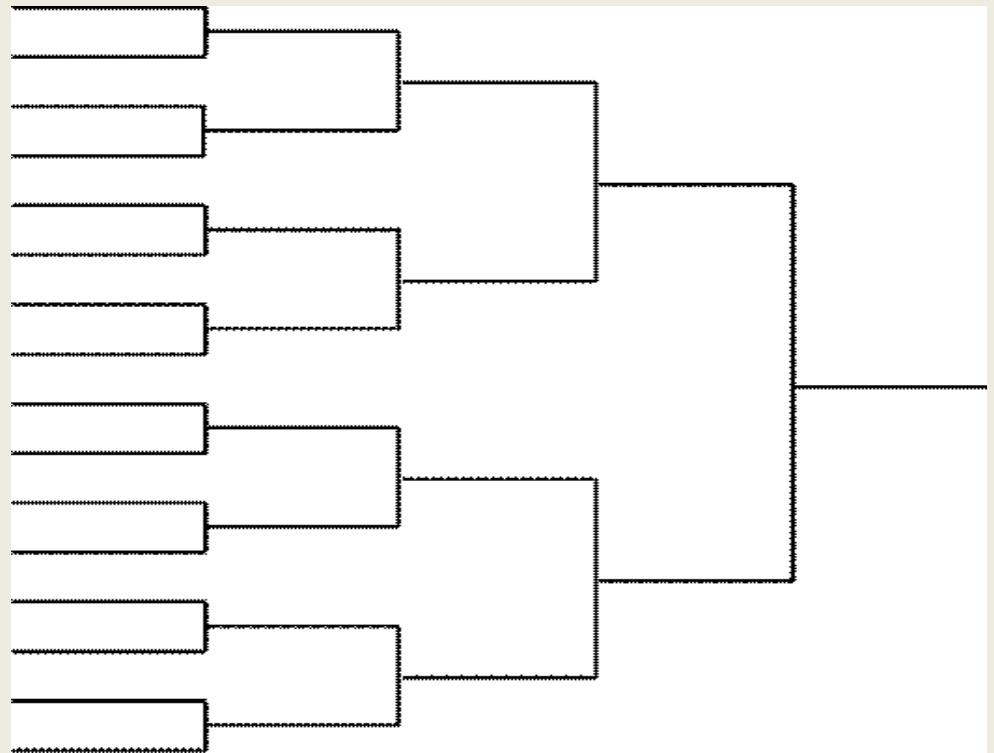


Tournament Structure



Bracket Play / Knock-Out Rounds

- Single elimination
 - Sweet Sixteen
 - Elite Eight
 - Fab Four
 - Championship
- “Round to Go” is Double Length (32 Questions)
 - Round that determines which team(s) go to State
 - Can be Fab Four/Semis (in 2 bid Regionals) or Final (in 1 bid Regionals)
- State Final is Double Length



Battle Procedures

Teams

- Two to four members compete in a battle
- One spokesperson
- Only the spokesperson may answer for the team



Battle Officials



- Moderator
- Scorekeeper
 - Must record score on score sheet
 - May also record score on white board for audience
- Timekeeper
 - Use stopwatch on phone

Battle Procedures



Set Up

- Teams sit in groups on either side of the moderator
- Begin questions with the team on your left
 - Always get ODD questions first
- Alternate questions with the team on your right
 - Always get EVEN questions first

Battle Procedures



Determining Sides

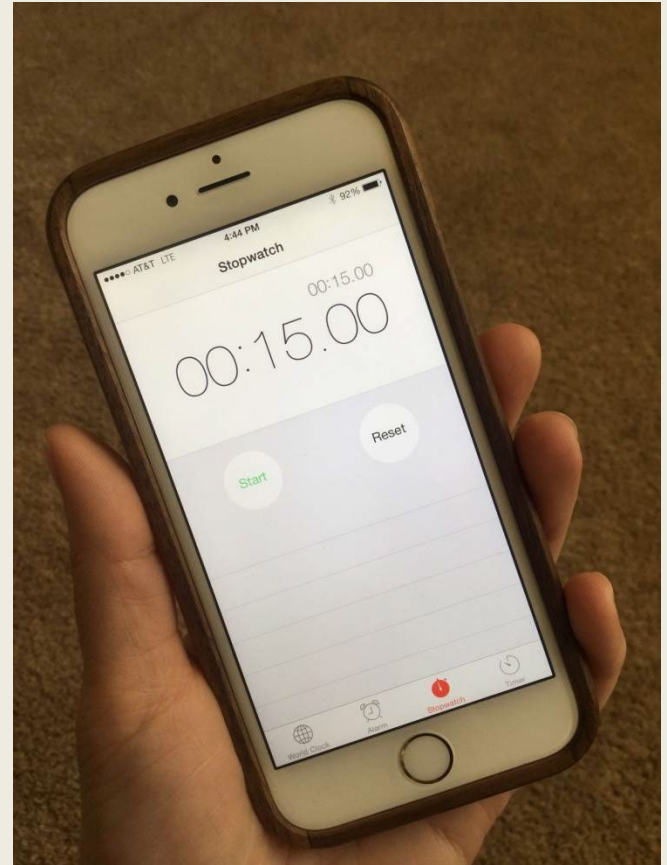


- Spokesperson calls coin toss (often administered by the timekeeper)
- Winner chooses where to sit
 - On your left = ODD numbers first
 - On your right = EVEN numbers first

Battle Procedures

Timing

- Time begins after question is read once = 15 seconds
- Question may be repeated within the 15 seconds
- Answer must be given immediately after 15 seconds
- Do not set an alarm; just call “time”



Battle Procedures



In Which Book (IWB) Questions

- Ask all eight IWB questions first
- Answers consist of title AND author
- Write team's incorrect answers on the card

Div. 3-5 Oregon Battle of the Books 2019 Set: 1
Local Competition

"IN WHICH BOOK" QUESTION—*Answer includes both title and author*

QUESTION:

In which book does a character pick an old padlock with a bobby pin?

ANSWER (TITLE):

Waylon! One Awesome Thing

ANSWER (AUTHOR):

Sara Pennypacker

PAGE: 171

SCORE: Team 1 (odd): _____ Team 2 (even): _____

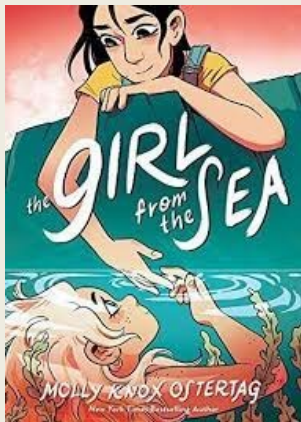
Battle Procedures

IWB Tips & Examples

NO SERIES TITLES!

Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail
Trail = **Incorrect**

Rescue on the Oregon Trail = **Correct**



Can omit “A/An/The” from beginnings of titles
The Girl from the Sea = **Correct**
Girl from the Sea = **Also Correct**
The Girl from a Sea = **Incorrect**
(**wrong article in the middle of the title**)

Author Names



Author pronunciations should be reasonable and recognizable...

... but do not need to be pronounced exactly how the author would pronounce their own name ...

- Coe Booth (3-5)

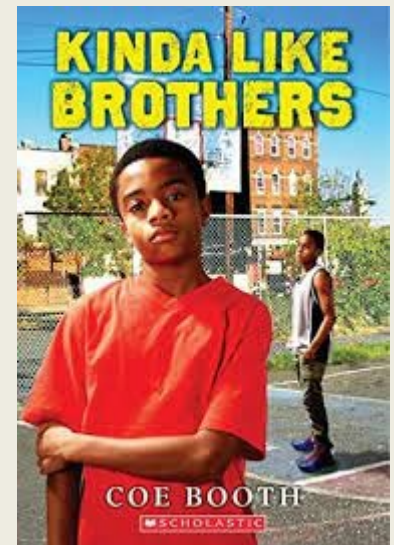
- KOH, KOH-ee

- Stephanie Burgis (3-5)

- BURR-jiss, BURR-guess

- Adriana Cuevas (6-8)

- AH-dree-ah-na KWEY-vahs, A-dree-an-na koo-AYE-vahs



Author Names (con't)



- Names must be given exactly as stated on the card, including any initials or middle/multiple names
 - e.g., B.B. Alston (6-8); Molly Knox Ostertag (6-8); C.A. Fletcher (9-12)
- Exception: Books with two authors can be given in either order
 - e.g., Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu OR Ann Xu and Lily LaMotte would be acceptable (3-5)
 - However: If a team gives only one of the two authors, there is no credit – “incorrect”

Battle Procedures



Content Questions

- Ask all eight content questions after IWB questions
- Give teams the title of the book first
- Inform team of any two-part questions
- Write any team's incorrect answer on the card

<u>Oregon Battle of the Books 2018</u>	Set: 3
Local (School) Competition	
Div. 6-8	
CONTENT QUESTION — <i>Read title before asking question</i>	
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TITLE: <i>Kalabari</i> , by Jessica Khoury	
QUESTION: "W" is the atomic symbol for what element?	
ANSWER: Tungsten	
PAGE: 125	
SCORE: Team 1 (odd): _____ Team 2 (even): _____	

Battle Procedures



Content Questions

- Parentheses = not a required part of answer
 - Q: What color are Jennifer's eyes?
 - A: (light) Blue
- Underlines = required part of answer
 - Q: What magical creature eats clothes off of clothes lines?
 - A: Invisible salamander
- “OR” = multiple correct answers
 - Q: Who gives Sarah a *Lord of the Rings* backpack?
 - A: Her mom OR Mrs. Smith

Battle Procedures



Questions

- Only the spokesperson's answer will be accepted
- Answer can be correct if mispronounced, if it is a logical, reasonable, or recognizable pronunciation
- Answer must be given immediately if any team member interrupts moderator
 - ✦ Whispering together is not an interruption

Battle Procedures



Questions

- Answer will be disqualified if . . .
 - Other team members talk while spokesperson is answering
 - Anyone prompts the spokesperson while answering
 - Anyone other than the spokesperson answers after time is called
- Questions answered incorrectly are repeated to opposing team (EXCEPT in pool play 3-5 Div.)
 - They get another 15 seconds to collaborate
 - Answer provided by moderator if neither team is correct

Battle Procedures



Scoring

- Scorekeeper fills out the official paper scoresheet
 - Another volunteer keeps score on the board
 - The two scores are compared
- All questions worth a maximum of 5 points
 - Only Two-Part & IWB questions can be split for partial credit
 - 3 points for the first partially correct answer
 - Other team can steal remaining 2 points (except 3-5 Pool Play)
- Turn score sheets in to tournament officials or runners



Battle Procedures



Sample Score Sheet:

	School Name: (Receives odd-numbered questions first) <i>School of Readers</i>	School Name: (Receives even-numbered questions first) <i>OBOB Academy</i>
“In Which Book” Question	Points Earned	Points Earned
1	5	-
2	-	5
3	5	-
4	-	5
5	5	-
6	-	5
7	3	2
8	-	5
“In Which Book” Subtotal:	18	22

Content Question	Points Earned	Points Earned
1	5	-
2	2	3
3	0	5
4	-	5
5	5	-
6	-	5
7	3	0
8	5	0
Content Subtotal:	20	18

Battle Total:	38	40
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Keep it neat!

- No notes
- No answers

Battle Procedures



Challenges

- Chance to challenge must be offered at end of battle
- Teams have 15 seconds to decide if they will challenge
- Each team may challenge one question they answered and got incorrect or partially incorrect (teams cannot challenge that one of the other team's answers should have been wrong)
- Teams have 2 minutes to find text evidence with the book in hand to defend their original answer. No more than 2 books.
- Score is amended appropriately



Battle Procedures



Tie Breakers in Bracket Play

- One IWB and one Content question asked to each team
 - New question for each team
- Steals = **No**
- Challenges = **Yes**
- Total score (of 2 questions) determines winner
- Process repeated if teams remain tied

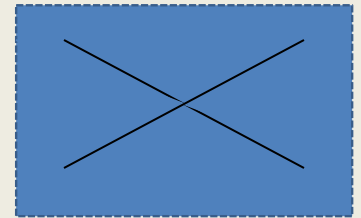


Moderator Mistakes



Mistakes happen! It's OK. Here's what to do:

- If you spoil the question, discard it
- Pull a new question from the backups
- NEW RULE: If the first team has already answered a Q incorrectly (or partially incorrectly) before the spoil occurred, they do not get asked the new question – it goes only to the receiving team for a steal attempt



Examples



Let's go through some
sample questions...

Example 1



Q: The final clue in the treasure hunt is engraved on what item?

A: (Bronze) Plaque

Team says: “A big plaque”

Example 1



Correct – 5 points

They said “plaque.” Information in parentheses is not a required part of the answer.

Example 2



Q: [Two Parts] What two foods does Mrs. Smith smell like after she comes home from the diner?

A: Apple pie AND Cinnamon

Team says: “Apples and cinnamon”

Example 2



Partial credit – 3 points

3 points for “cinnamon”

An apple is not the same thing as apple pie
(semantics matter)

Question goes to other team for remaining 2 points
(EXCEPT 3-5 Pool Play)

Example 3



Q: What is Ben's favorite kind of sandwich?

A: Peanut butter OR Plain peanut butter

Team says: "Peanut butter and jelly"

Example 3



Incorrect – 0 points

A “plain peanut butter” sandwich is a different thing than a “peanut butter and jelly” sandwich

Example 4



Q: What piece of furniture sits under the picture window in the Johnsons' kitchen?

A: Sofa

Team says: "Couch"

Example 4



Correct – 5 points

Direct synonyms are acceptable

Example 5



Q: [Two Parts] Name two of James's favorite breakfast foods. Be specific.

A: ANY TWO: Cornflakes; Sourdough toast;
(homemade) Honey butter

Team says: “Homemade butter and Cereal”

Example 5



Homemade butter = Incorrect

“Homemade” is in parentheses (not required)

“Honey” is underlined (required)

Cereal = Incorrect

Not specific enough; **under-specific is generally incorrect.**

Example 6



Q: What food item does Jared order to eat in the coffee shop?

A: A scone

Team says: “A really large blueberry scone”

Example 6



Correct – 5 Points

Scone is the required term; **over specific is usually correct.**

Example 7



Q: What is the name of the horse that pulls the family's wagon?

A: Old Bob

Team says: “Bob”

Example 7



Incorrect – 0 Points

Since both words are capitalized and “old” is not in parentheses, both words are part of the name.

Remember – no partial credit unless it is an IWB or Two-Part Content question.

Example 8



Q: What is the name of the character who kicked snow in Peter's face?

A: Alexa OR Lexie

Team says: Alexia

Example 8

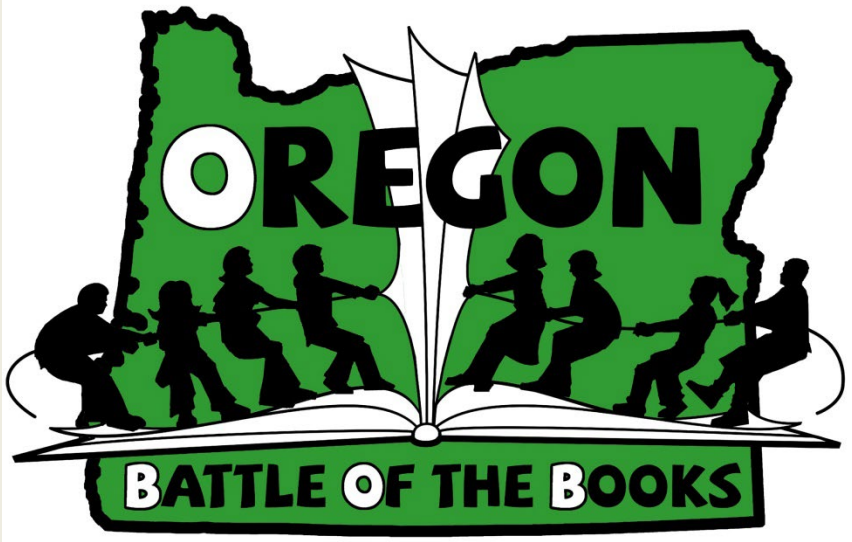


Incorrect – 0 Points

Alexia is a different name than Alexa.

Teams can always challenge (at the end of the battle) if they are sure the name they provided is correct.

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