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Battle of the Books

Level 6 thru 8





Introduction

The Oregon Battle of the Books is a statewide reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant.

Students are exposed to fabulous literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints.

The goals of the program are

- to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading**
- to broaden reading interests**
- to increase reading comprehension**
- to promote academic excellence.**



The WOMS competition

These will be all class competitions. Mrs. F-B will ask random questions based on any of the novels from the list.

Answers will consist of book titles (3 points) and authors (2 points).

You will get three tickets per person to give titles. You may answer unlimited authors. So, *everyone should learn all the authors*, even if you don't read all the books because you can help your team that way. There is no "helping" among team members by calling out answers.

If your team misses a title, the question moves to the next team.



The state OBOB competition

These will be 4 person team competitions (with a 5th alternate member) with only one spokesperson per team.

These competitions will run differently. There will be “In which Book” questions - answers will consist of book titles (3 points) and authors (2 points)

And there will be and “Open Response/Content” questions - answers for these will be worth 5 points.

If your team misses a title, the question moves to the next team.

We will have local competitions at our school to determine the team which goes to regionals. The regional competition will have over 30 schools participating and will be held here at WOMS on Saturday, February 28th. Regional winners will go to the state competition in April.

If you are interested in signing up for the Oregon Battle team, please get a flyer from Mrs. FB.

OBOB 6th-8th Titles 2009-2010

Adam Canfield of the
SlashWinerip, Michael

Any Small Goodness: A Novel of
the Barrio
Johnston, Tony

Chinese Cinderella: the true
story of an unwanted
daughterMah, Adeline Yen

FoundHaddix, Margaret Peterson

Maximum ride : the Angel
ExperimentPatterson,
James

SchooledKorman, Gordon

So B. ItWeeks, Sarah

The Breadwinner: An Afghan
Child Ellis, Deborah

The Wednesday Wars Schmidt,
Gary

The Wild GirlsMurphy, Pat

Trapped between the Lash and
the GunWhitmore, Arvella

Alchemist: Secrets of the
Immortal Nicholas Flamel
by Michael Scott

Zen and the Art of Faking It
by Jordan Sonnenblick

Plain Janes by Cecil Castelucci

Ranger's Apprentice: Ruins of
Gorlan by John Flanagan

Dragon's Keep by Janet Lee
Carey

Adam
Canfield
of the
Slash
by
Michael
Winerip

Mystery and Adventure

Adam Canfield has to be the most over programmed middle-school student ever. So when super-organized Jennifer coaxes him to be coeditor of their school newspaper, THE SLASH, he wonders if he's made a mistake. But when he is let onto a new scoop, Adam and his fellow journalists uncover some scandalous secrets, receiving the principal's wrath!

Any Small
Goodness
by Tony
Johnston

Living in a Los Angeles barrio may not sound like much fun to you. You may think of poor people, gangs, and freeway chases, but that's because you haven't yet met Arturo Rodriquez. Arturo is quick to spot any small goodness...and there are many. His family is one small goodness that provides laughter, love and security in a sometimes dangerous world of the Mexican immigrant.

Realistic Fiction

Chinese Cinderella by
Adeline Yen Mah

Autobio

From the very day Adeline Yen

Mah was born, her family considered her a burden and she was unwanted all her life

because her mother died giving birth to her. Adeline struggles for acceptance and overcomes all the odds to prove her worth. She does well at school, even achieving various medallions, strives to attend a university in London and yet her family, especially her father, do not encourage, congratulate or help her in any way; rather, they are extremely upset and ashamed of her.

Found
by
Margaret
Peterson
Haddix

“Among the Hidden” series author

Adventure
and
Mystery

Thirteen-year-old Jonah has always known he's adopted; Chip learns of his adoption when both friends start receiving threatening letters labeling them "The Missing." Investigating, they uncover a mystery involving time travel and an inter-temporal child-smuggling conflict...in which both sides are out to get them!

Fun!

Maximum
Ride: the
Angel
Experiment
by James
Patterson



After the mutant Frasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. High action and suspense!

Science Fiction

Schooled

by

Gordon

Korman

Thirteen-year-old Capricorn "Cap" Anderson has only left the Garland Farm Commune with his hippie grandmother, Rain, a few times for supplies. He doesn't know what TV is like, has been homeschooled only and he's never held money in his hand. When Rain falls from a tree and has to spend two months in the hospital, Cap gets his first real taste of the confusing, "real" world. Classmates take *advantage* of him of his "strangeness" and "bully him...but he isn't bullied!

On the contrary...

Cap becomes a leader and popular...

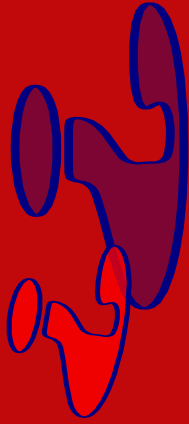
So B. It

by

Sarah

Weeks

12 year-old Heidi and her severely mentally disabled mother survive through a combination of good luck and their next-door neighbor's loving attention. An undeveloped roll of old film leads Heidi to embark alone on a risky cross-country quest to answer questions about Mama's past.



What would you be like if your mother was mentally challenged and *you* had to take care of *her*?

Would you want to know about your past, your father, your mother's past?



The
Breadwinner
by Deborah
Ellis

Current day Afghanistan

11 year old Parvana is trying to grow up in war-torn Afghanistan. With the Taliban ruling this poor country, women are under very strict laws and are forbidden to leave the house without a man, or show any part of their bodies in public. Parvana dresses up as a boy so that she is able to work to earn some money for her family.

While her family is out of town, the Taliban take over the city banning all people to travel and Parvana finds herself alone. She leaves to try and find food and shelter. She meets a couple of other kids on her journey and they become a family.

The
Wednesday
Wars
by Gary
Schmidt

Holling Hoodhood
knows all about teachers.
They're "born behind their
desks, fully grown, with a red
pen in their hand and ready to
grade." And the worst of them
hate your guts, which is
precisely the way he believes
Mrs. Baker feels about him.
Every Wednesday
afternoon, when the rest of his
class leaves early to attend
Hebrew school or catechism
class, Holling, the lone
Presbyterian, stays behind
with Mrs. Baker. As Holling
sees it, she uses the extra time
for special torture.

The Wild
Girls
by Pat
Murphy

In 1972, Joan and her family move to California and quickly befriends an eccentric and independent girl, Sarah. The two girls dub themselves the "Wild Girls" -- brave and fearless conquerors of nature. But they are anything but fearless, and struggle with families that are disintegrating around them and afraid of what this means for them.

They do, however, share a love of writing and through a summer course in creative writing, they learn a lot more about themselves as well as how to craft a story.

Friendsh

Trapped between the
Lash and the Gun by
Arvella Whitmore

Life in the gang, *The Cobras*, may be difficult, but at least with them Jordan feels like he has a family--something he hasn't felt since his father left. Then...something amazing happens--Jordan is transported back in time and begins living a parallel life as a slave on a 19th-century plantation.

Jordan soon begins to see similarities between his life as a slave and his life as a gang member.

Alchemyst: Secrets of the
Immortal Nicholas Flamel by
Michael Scott

Mystery

Twins, Josh and Sophie, discover that the owner of a bookstore is the immortal French alchemist, Nicholas Flamel. Flamel and his wife are the guardians of the *Book of Abraham*, a collection of the most powerful spells in the world which they've protected for centuries. Enemy Dr John Dee discovers the Flamels' whereabouts and he attacks and snatches the book! But now, Josh and Sophie are being hunted by Dr Dee and creatures that predate humanity.

Exciting!

Zen and the Art of Faking It
by Jordan Sonnenblick

Funny!
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When thirteen-year-old San Lee moves to a new town and school for the umpteenth time, he is looking for a way to stand out. When his knowledge of Zen Buddhism, gained in his previous school, provides the answer--the need to quickly become a convincing Zen master is for certain.

Ranger's Apprentice: Ruins
of Gorlan
by John Flanagan

Set in the mythical land of Araluen, Will is a small and lively 15 year old boy living in medieval Castle Redmont. As an Apprentice Ranger, he is trained to be an expert archer, knife throwing and skillfully moving while not being heard or seen.



Great story including battles, boar hunts, inhuman enemies and loyal friends.

Dragon's Keep by
Janet Lee Carey

Part fairy tale, part
mythology, part legend, all
around fantastic!

A beautiful princess has been
raised to hide her a dragon
claw as it has been referred to
as “the devil’s mark”. However
by learning to accept it, she
fulfills her destiny and saves
her country from war.

Princess Rosalind’s “curse”
ultimately becomes her
triumph!

Plain Janes* by Cecil Castelucci

*State
teams only,
not all 6th
grade
competition

A graphic novel

After a bombing in the city, Jane's parents move to a suburb where she befriends three outcasts--all named Jane--and starts a group called *People Loving Art in Neighborhoods*. They try to enrich their community with art but instead are viewed as a threat.

Do they rally other teens to their cause?

What do the adults think?

Let the Battles Begin



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