

## **Oregon Battle of the Books FAQ**

### **What is the Oregon Battle of the Books?**

The Oregon Battle of the Books, OBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students in 3rd-12th grade, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. There are 16 books chosen by state OBOB volunteers.

Teams of four or five divide up the books and read them in preparation for school “battles.” Only four members will be able to participate in a battle, so teams of five will need to create a rotating schedule so all members can participate.

### **What do the battles look like?**

There are sixteen total questions. Each team will get eight questions, with an opportunity to steal an opponent's questions if they get it wrong.

There are eight “in which book” questions which look like this:

- Question: In which book does a main character get hit with a snowball?
- Answer: Because of Mr. Terupt by Rob Buyea (teams will need to answer with both the book and author for full points)

Then, there are eight content questions where the book title is given, and students are asked a content question about that book. Here is a sample question:

- Question: In the book Snicker of Magic, what is the name of the town they are in?
- Answer: Midnight Gulch

### **How do I sign up?**

Simply fill out the OBOB registration form. Each student will need to get a parent signature, so you may need to work together to make sure the form goes home with each student to get each parent's signature. The form is due November 16th.

### **Do we need a coach?**

Coaches are optional. There are two things coaches help with: 1) dividing up books within a team to ensure each book is read and 2) facilitating team practices with practice questions. For teams who do not have coaches, Mrs. Tibbs will facilitate book assignments and practice sessions with those teams during school hours.

**Where can I find OBOB resources such as practice questions and book lists?**

Our website! Simply go to Bolton's website, click on "Library" on the top menu, then "Library Homepage." There is a link to OBOB on the left side. There you will find books lists, registration forms, and practice questions. Practice questions usually show up in late November/ early December. The official OBOB website is a good resource as well.

**Do I need to buy all the OBOB books?**

Nope! We will have several copies of each book in the library. You may need to put one on hold from time to time, but there is plenty to go around.

**When do the battles start?**

Before we create the final schedule, we need to receive all the registration forms. We hope to complete the final schedule by December 5th. There will be battle days, taking place over two weeks, potentially starting mid/late January. The final battle is not yet scheduled, but will most likely be the last week of February.