

Battle of the Books - Responding to Questions

1. Each team will designate one member as the captain/spokesperson for the team. Only the captain may respond to the question. If any other person responds, the team gets no points for the question.
2. Team members may only talk with one another when it is their turn to respond, and only after the question has been read. If a team member speaks when it is not his or her team's turn, or prior to the end of the reading of the question, the team will be penalized 2 points.
3. Teams will be standing and may huddle while deciding upon an answer.
4. A correct response is composed of two parts, the title and author of the work as written on the official list. No partial answers will be accepted.
5. The pronunciation of the title and author shall be deemed acceptable if the Questioner understands it. There may not be a challenge on pronunciation.
6. Initial articles, like *A* and *The*, in titles will be disregarded when determining if a title is given correctly.
7. Once the spokesperson begins to respond with a title and author, only that title and author will be accepted as the team's answer. If the spokesperson attempts to change the team's answer after beginning, the answer will be judged incorrect and no points will be awarded.
8. Questions will be read only once for each team.
9. If it is recognized that a question has been read incorrectly (for example a word has been mispronounced) or the meaning of a question has been altered because of incorrect information, the question will be replaced with an extra question.
10. When reading a question, the Questioner must indicate if part of the question is a direct quotation from the book.

Time Limits and Scoring

1. A team has 20 seconds after the question is read to discuss. The timer will call time and the captain needs to start the answer within 10 seconds.
2. If a correct answer is given, the team is awarded 5 points. If an incorrect response or no response is given, no points are awarded.
3. A missed question is then read for the second team, which has 15 seconds to discuss. The timer will call time and an answer needs to be given immediately (within 3 seconds) after time is called. If they respond correctly, the team is awarded 3 points. If an incorrect response or no response is given, no points are awarded. The Questioner then gives the correct answer.
4. A round will consist of 20 questions, 10 for each team.