



Deer Valley Education Foundation
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ANNUAL DVEF BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Additional Information / Answers to Some Battle of the Books Questions:

How do the Battles work?

Working with your school calendar, three Battles (rounds) will be scheduled at each school. The first one will be scheduled toward the end of October. The second Battle in January/February and the third Battle held at your school will be scheduled for March/April. This schedule allows for the students to read their three books in between each Battle, plus allows time for the regional and district Battles.

Who does all the work?

The Deer Valley Education Foundation (DVEF) has formed a committee of retired teachers, business partners, and avid readers to facilitate and run the Battles at each school. Committee members are independent community members. DVEF will supply books for your library, certificates and awards for the participants, and do all the legwork. All you have to do is promote the books and the Battles at your school and distribute and collect the permission forms.

What is the team make-up?

- 1.) Team size is limited to three (3) students currently enrolled in either 5th or 6th grade at the participating school. Team members need to be in the same school, but not in the same grade. If you have an odd number of students who want to participate, you may have a team of only 2 students as long as everyone understands you may not add another member to this team after the competition has begun.
- 2.) Team rosters must be established prior to the start of the competition.
- 3.) Once the first competition has begun, teams may not be modified unless the following conditions apply: if a team member has left the school, the remaining members may continue as a team of 2 or even 1. If a team member has moved away or becomes incapacitated an alternate (NOT currently on another team) may replace that team member. You may also replace with a student who is new to your school if he/she was participating in the Battle of the Books at his/her previous school site this year.
- 4.) Alternates MAY NOT be used to fill in for team members who are absent on the day of a competition or for members who have quit the program.
- 5.) Each school should have no more that 30 teams. Because this is a voluntary program, children **should not** be required to participate.

Where do we get the books?

DVEF will supply a minimum of 4 of each title to the library of the schools who participate. The titles Additional books may be donated depending on the number of teams who participate at your school.

Who comes up with the questions?

Representatives from the districts participating in the battle meet each year to choose the books and to come up with the questions. The same questions are used by all participating districts, which are Chandler, Deer Valley, Gilbert, Higley, Mesa, and Queen Creek/Combs. Our District committee will bring the questions to your school on the scheduled day of your Battle. The "Question Reader" is the only person allowed to see the questions.

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How does each battle work?

There are 2 phases to each Battle:

Phase I: There are 5 rounds of questions in phase I with 8 points awarded per round for a total of 40 possible points. Phase I questions begin, "In what book..." The answer must be the EXACT title for 5 points. Three points are awarded for the author's last name.

Phase II: There are 3 rounds of questions in Phase II with 10 points awarded per round for a total of 30 possible points. Phase II questions begin, "In the book...."

Scoring: Scores for each competition will be added to the score from the last competition. The team with the highest cumulative score from all 3 Battles will represent their school in the regional competition.

Please e-mail marie.brennan@dvusd.org or call (623-445-5012) Marie Brennan (DVEF Executive Director) if you have any questions.

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