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Lake Orion Area  
Middle Schools'...

# Battle of the Books

2018 -  
2019

DATE: Friday, February 8th, 9AM-12PM

LOCATION: Oakview Middle School

Title	Author	Genre
Brown Girl Dreaming	Jaqueline Woodson	Poetry/Memoir
Lincoln's Spymaster	Samantha Seiple	Nonfiction
Nimona	Noelle Stevenson	Graphic Novel
One Crazy Summer	Rita Williams-Garcia	Historical Fiction
The Shadow Cipher	Laura Ruby	Science Fiction
The Thief	Megan Whalen Turner	Fantasy
Wild Man Island	Will Hobbs	Realistic Fiction

## Book Purchasing

- The 7 titles included in this years' Battle include a variety of genres and reading levels appropriate for middle level. Purchasing the books is optional.
- Books may be checked out from the Orion Township Public Library, Lake Orion middle school libraries, ELA classrooms, or can be purchased independently.
- Teams are encouraged to share books; there is no need for everyone to have their own copy.
- **Books can also be purchased in a package for \$45 (this includes all 7 books).**
- To purchase a book set please send cash or check for \$45. Books sets are sold on a first come, first served basis and payment is needed to reserve a set. If book sets sell out, there is no guaranteeing the same set price. **Please make checks payable to LOCS with Battle of the Books in the memo section. They should be turned into your child's media specialist.**

## Some Specifics

1. Sign up your team using the registration link <https://tinyurl.com/ya39ydat>. If you do not have an LOCS login (all students have one) this can be done via e-mail to the event coordinator at your school.
2. Each team may have **3—6 students** (minimum of 3 and maximum of 6). The students may be comprised of 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE SAME SCHOOL!**
3. If your team changes members or decides not to compete, please inform the event coordinator at your school.
4. If you would like to participate but prefer to be placed on a team, contact the event coordinator at your school or your ELA teacher. We are happy to help!
5. Each team must have a student team captain and an adult sponsor.
6. The Battle will take place **on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Oakview Middle School gym.**
  - Students from the 2 other middle schools will take a bus to Oakview after attendance.
7. Teams are encouraged to dress in costume. Participants will vote for 1) best overall costume and 2) best use of a book theme. Prizes will be awarded to each winning team.
8. Teams are also encouraged to create an interesting book related team name. A prize will be awarded to the winning team.
9. The winning Battle team members (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>) will be awarded with a small token of celebration and a traveling team trophy to be housed at their school.
10. The winning school will also be announced (score based on average of answers correct and teams competing). The winning school will take home the Lake Orion Battle trophy to be housed in a place of honor at the school.

## Rules for the Battle

1. **Each team member is responsible for reading all 7 titles.**
2. The Battle will consist of 50 questions or 120 minutes of team play (this does not include two 15 minute breaks), whichever comes first.
3. Each question will be worth one point and questions will come from all 8 books.
4. The questions will be in a variety of formats that may include: multiple choice, short answer, author/title, etc. They will be written by district media specialists and ELA teachers.
5. There will be judges, a timekeeper, a scorekeeper, and readers. The reader will read the questions aloud twice. The questions will not be read in any particular order.
6. After each question is read, team members will have 30 seconds to collaborate, decide on and submit an answer. Only one answer will be accepted for each team.
7. If the team's answer is correct, the scorekeeper will record a point for that team. If it is not correct, there is no point and no penalty.
8. Books and notes may not be used during the Battle.
9. Whichever team has the most points at the end of the 50 questions (or 120 minutes of play) wins.
10. In the case of a tie, there will be a tiebreaker question to determine the winner. That question may be more difficult/involved and may require several answers.

## Tips for Success

1. Stay positive and remember that this is a friendly competition😊
2. Meet regularly with your team, at least once a week.
3. Increase meeting frequency as the Battle approaches.
4. Create questions for each book for practicing with your team.
5. The more questions you create and practice, the better prepared your team will be.

## Study Guides

- Cover significant events (e.g., “In *The Giver*, what was the first memory given to Jonah?”)
- Cover character development (e.g., “In *The Giver*, why did Jonah not want to take ‘the pill’?”)
- Cover unique settings in time or place (e.g., “In *The Giver*, where did Jonah first learn that his world was not as perfect as he thought?”)
- Ask questions from the preface, epilogue, or biographical information in the book—questions may be asked from the WHOLE book, not just the story itself.
- Ask questions about details that you normally would never need to know—like the character’s address, or the name of the neighbor’s pet fish, etc.—these are the types of questions that will differentiate the winning team from the others.
- The answers will NOT all be the title and the author like in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Battle.

## Questions?

Please feel free to contact your media specialist, the event coordinators, with questions.

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Happy Reading & Good Luck!