

Mount Nebo Middle School "Battle of the Books"

"America's Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-12. The purpose is simply to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers."

We are excited to kick off Battle of the Books at Mount Nebo Middle School! Interested students will be part of a team of between 1 to 6 students. Each team member will choose 4-6 books to read; however, we encourage students to read as many books as they would like from the list. There are 24 books on the list. In February 2025, teams will come together for a game show style tournament during school where they will work as a team to answer questions about the books on the list. (See attached sheet for book list) Students do not have to read every book on the list; however, the more books each person on the team reads, the better chance they have when answering questions in a battle.

The questions are written like this example.

Question: In what book is there a dog named Watch? Answer: Boxcar Children by Warner
(The answer is always a title and author's' last name)

Students may form their own teams. They must turn in their team form together with other students they would like on their team (up to 6 per team). You DO NOT need to form a full team to submit your permission slip; we will form teams for all students that do not have a full team request or friend preference. **I will accept the first 160 students that sign up.**

We have five copies of most book in our school library and digital copies on Sora that students will be able to check out. The books are also available at the Payson and Santaquin public libraries and on soraapp.com

Students interested in participating must return the signed permission slip to Mr. Lai in the library by **Tuesday, October 15th!** We will meet every Monday during team time in the library starting on October 28th.

We need volunteers to help run the battles during school hours on **Wednesday, February 6th**. We are usually done by 11AM. We need judges, timers, and someone to take photos. If you would like to help out during that event, please email Mr. Lai at doug.lai@nebo.edu

Questions...call or email!

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Yes, I will participate in Battle of the Books!

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Team Name:

Team Members:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

4- _____

5- _____

6- _____

If you need to be assigned a team because none of your friends are cool readers, just let me know here!

Please return this slip to Mr. Lai in the library!

Battle of the Books 2023/24 Book List

Book Name	Author	Genre	Individual Reading	Read
<i>Touching Spirit Bear</i>	Ben Mikaelson	Adventure		
<i>The Last Mapmaker</i>	Christina Soontornvat	Adventure		
<i>The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea</i>	Axie Oh	Fantasy		
<i>Valentina Salazar is Not a Monster Hunter</i>	Zoraida Cordova	Fantasy		
<i>Ice Wolves</i>	Amee Kaufman	Fantasy		
<i>Squished: A Graphic Novel</i>	Megan Wagner Lloyd	Graphic Novel		
<i>Drowned City</i>	Don Brown	Graphic Novel		
<i>I Must Betray You</i>	Ruta Sepetys	Historical Fiction		
<i>Cuba in My Pocket</i>	Adrianna Cuevas	Historical Fiction		
<i>Wait Till Helen Comes</i>	Mary Downing Hahn	Horror		
<i>Confessions of a Class Clown</i>	Arianne Costner	Humor		
<i>City Spies</i>	James Ponti	Mystery		
<i>The Screaming Staircase</i>	Jonathan Stroud	Mystery		
<i>Hidden Figures: A Young Readers Edition</i>	Margot Shetterly	Non-Fiction		
<i>Alone</i>	Megan Freeman	Novel in Verse		
<i>The Labors of Hercules Beal</i>	Gary D. Schmidt	Realistic		
<i>Clues to the Universe</i>	Christina Li	Realistic		
<i>A Kind of Spark</i>	Ellie McNicoll	Realistic		
<i>You are Here: Connecting Flights</i>	Ellen Oh	Realistic		
<i>In Honor of Broken Things</i>	Paul Acampora	Realistic		
<i>Clean Getaway</i>	Nic Stone	Realistic		
<i>Monster Missions</i>	Laura Martin	Sci Fi		
<i>Lion of Mars</i>	Jennifer Holm	Sci-Fi		
<i>Skyward</i>	Brandon Sanderson	Sci-Fi		

