

COACH'S INFORMATION

Thank you for being a Battle Coach!



Coach responsibilities:

- Assist students in naming team.
- Assure the team is registered between Monday, October 17, 2022 and Saturday, January 7, 2023.
- Submit any final changes to registration information to library@lincolnca.gov no later than Friday, January 14, 2022.
- Ensure each team member understands which books on the reading list s/he is expected to read. Either Coaches or Captains may assign a certain student to be an "expert" on certain books.
- Meet with the team regularly to offer encouragement, check on reading progress, foster team cohesiveness, and reinforce that team members learn authors' names and other facts from the books. Teams will need to identify the title and author of the book for every answer.
- Keep in mind that young people have different learning styles. It is a great idea to plan a variety of activities to address the different types of learners you may have on your team. For example, some children learn better when they see a question as well as hear a question as it's read out loud. Every young person will not respond the same way to an activity. It is important to be flexible with the students.
- Model good sportsmanlike behavior and encourage your team to always do the same at all times.
- Encourage team spirit. Students should name their teams and are encouraged to dress in team shirts or other spirit wear on the competition day. Team members and coaches may not include the titles of books or authors anywhere on their attire.
- If any student needs a modification during the night of the battle, please email the Battle Planning team.

Suggestions for facilitating meeting:

Have snacks. Keep the atmosphere fun. Give the students time to socialize and share a bit before "getting serious." Check in with the students. Ask them how they are doing with the reading.

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- Play games to help the students get to know the title and author of the books. For example, matching games, memory games, showing book covers to team members with the title and author covered up. Challenge students to write the title and the author down.
- Assign books. Who will read what books? Do you want to have more than one student assigned to each book? Please remember to be flexible with the students.
- Keep track of and take part in library events on the Road to Battle, such as book discussions and other events to help the team in their preparation.

Getting into things

- By January your team should be meeting on a regular basis as a book discussion group.
- Ask the students to share a favorite/least favorite part of each book.

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Getting into things, cont'd

- Use a ball to facilitate discussion. When you throw the ball to a team member, they need to share something about the book they are reading.
- Create a matching game with titles and authors, characters and titles, characters and setting, etc.
- Challenge the students to write questions from the books they are reading and exchange those questions with others on their team.
- Ask out of the box questions to facilitate discussions, for example: *What type of food would the main character like and why? Or, if you could take the main character anywhere where would you go together and why?*
- Explore using/playing online games with your group such as Kahoot, Jeopardy Labs, Hangman, Pictionary using the white board feature, and memory match games.

One month before Battle:

- Make t-shirts or plan team spirit wear.
- Be sure to practice answering questions in the Battle format. You may want to use the answer sheet found in the Battle Rules & Regulations booklet as a guide.

Good luck to all the teams!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Battle Planning team.

