



The Battle of the Books is a reading motivation and comprehension program. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote academic excellence. It encourages students to read a variety of books and remember information about the plots, characters, and settings of the books. Every question asked in a "battle" is answered by the title and author of the book and takes the form of: "Name the book in which a horse and a boy are stranded on an island." It is a fun, academic-based competition that has been very successful in school districts throughout the country in encouraging students to read.

Lists of books are chosen and questions are written for all grade levels. An attempt is made to vary the titles chosen according to genre and difficulty so that readers may encounter a broad range of books. Books that have been selected are award winners or have appeared on many recommended reading lists. Students read the books, discuss them, quiz each other on the contents, and then compete in teams to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format.

Not only will there be some lively discussion about books generated by this project, but the students will also be earning Accelerated Reader points for Language Arts at the same time. The books may be used for their monthly reading logs and class written responses. They will be given class time regularly in which to meet and plan strategy. In the spring, the teams will compete.

The book lists and competition dates will be sent home in September. Books may be read at home and at school. Students are responsible for their team book choices. They may read as many books on the list as they can. This will better prepare their team for the competition.

The aim is to support students in their love and discovery for reading by introducing them to quality literature, to offer books that build upon historical values and the dignity of life, and to develop friendships between students based upon socialization, competition, and mutual respect.