



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73
(Kamloops - Thompson)



Battle of the Books Participation Letter Home

What is the Battle of the Books Program?

Battle of the Books is a reading motivation program adopted by many schools in SD73, most often in school libraries. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interests, foster connection with others, understand personal experiences, develop empathy and encourage an awareness of others.

Students who choose to participate work in grade groups with their battle hosts (Grades 3/4, Grade 5, and Grades 6/7). Together they read and discuss books, quiz each other, and finally compete in teams to correctly answer questions. The questions all begin with “In what book...” and the answer is always the title of the book. Inspired by the elementary school competition, the secondary Battle of the Books features a different format, engaging teens to read a variety of genres.

Using selection criteria outlined in the Battle of the Books Handbook, new books are thoughtfully selected each year by a Teacher - Librarian led Selection Team. The list is carefully curated ensuring students engage with a broad range of books with literary merit, reading levels, and genres. Often these books are award winners.

All books selected have also been reviewed by either the **District Novel Review Team** or the provincial educational organization **Focused Education Resources**.

Note:

- This is a reader's choice program. Participation is not mandatory.
- Participating students do not need to read all in order to participate in the program.
- Some titles contain sensitive topics.
- Students are encouraged to preview the book trailer or back cover of the book prior to reading to ensure the book is suited for them.
- Parents are encouraged to preview the book list, book trailers or read the review to ensure the book is suited for their child.

Website (bob.sd73.bc.ca) includes

Book lists for Grades 3 - 12

Book reviews (select book cover)

Slide deck with book trailers

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Student survey



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Please return this slip to your school battle host.

School Name: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____

Student's Teacher: _____

- ☐ I understand that this is a reader's choice program. Participation is not mandatory.
- ☐ I understand that participating students do not need to read all books in order to participate in the program.
- ☐ I am aware that some titles contain sensitive topics.
- ☐ I understand that students are encouraged to preview the book trailer or back cover of the book prior to reading.
- ☐ I understand that as the parent/guardian I am encouraged to preview the book list, book trailers or read the Focused Education Review to ensure the book is suited for my child.

I support my child's wish to participate in the Battle of the Books this year. YES___ NO___

Any additional comments /information:

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date Signed: _____