

## PERMISSION SLIP

Teams consist of 4 members and one alternate that share the responsibility of reading all the books listed in this brochure. We recommend students read at least four different battle titles to begin. The more books read by all team members, the more successful we have found teams to be when the competition begins.

I have read this brochure and understand that joining a team takes a high level of commitment to my team and to my school.

I will be responsible for attending all subsequent qualifying tournaments, including the district, regional and state tournaments.

I agree to this commitment:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Good sportmanship is expected at all times.**

## SCHEDULE

### September/October

Oregon Battle of the Books program and all book titles are introduced through booktalks.

### November

Team Signups – teams are made up of four students and one additional alternate. There is a mandatory meeting for all committed team members and then there will be monthly lunches in the library for all teams to meet.

### January/February

Battles begin in the library.  
The schedule for battles will be posted.

### March

Overall winning team will participate in a Regional Tournament.

### April

Regional winners will attend a state competition in Salem Oregon on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### May

Battle of the Books Participants will all eat lunch in the library to celebrate their reading successes.



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## BATTLE of the BOOKS

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a voluntary statewide program for reading motivation and comprehension sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. The goals are to encourage reading for enjoyment, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, and promote cooperative learning.



*For more information and to register your school, please go to the OBOB website:*

**<http://oboblsta.pbworks.com>**

**Register your school by  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

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**OREGON BATTLE of the BOOKS**

**BATTLE PROCEDURES**  
**Player and Team Guidelines**

**TEAMS**

- All students participating must be in grades 9-12 for the current school year.
- Teams consist of four members with one optional alternate, for a total of up to five members.
- Each team must have a sponsor from its school who is a Library Media Specialist, library paraprofessional, or other school staff member.
- Two teams will compete during a single battle.
- There will be a spokesperson identified on the team.
- Teams will be able to collaborate to decide on answers to questions for 15 seconds.
- Teams should prepare for battles by reading the books on the list, practicing and answering questions.

**BATTLES**

- Each school may send only one team to the regional competition. Each region may send a determined amount of teams to the state competition depending on how many teams participate. Grant recipients must attend the regional competitions.
- The regional competitions do not require participation in a district/county/ESD competition. The state battles require participation in the regional competitions.
- The composition of the team members may not change once the regional battles have started.
- A coin toss will be held before the start of each battle.
- The winning team decides where they want to sit.

**PROCEDURES Continued**

- The team that sits on the left will always be given first chance at the odd numbered questions, and the team on the right will always be given the first chance at the even questions.
- The "odd" team will go first and be read question number one.
- When a question is asked, the team will have 15 seconds in which to discuss and answer the question.
- The spokesperson's first answer will be the only acceptable one.
- There may be only one alternate. This alternate may take the place of a player for a battle. When the alternate is used, the alternate must remain in competition for the entire battle. No other substitutions may be made.
- No other person may assist in answering any question directed to a team, including the team's coach. The judge will disqualify a team determined to be receiving outside help.
- The OBOB Committee may refuse to allow a team to participate in the event of unsportsmanlike behavior or other extenuating circumstances.
- In the event of a situation that is not specifically addressed in the OBOB rules, the decision of the judges is final.

**QUESTIONS: TWO TYPES!**

- One type will be the "In which book" questions and the other will be "Content" questions.

*For specific information on rules and competition procedures, please refer to the OBOB web site:*

**<http://oboblsta.pbworks.com>**

**OBOB 9-12 DIVISION**

**Between Shades of Gray**  
**by Ruta Sepetys**

**The Complete Persepolis**  
**by Marjane Satrapi**

**The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien**

**Hold Me Closer, Necromancer by Lish McBride**

**I am the Messenger**  
**by Markus Zusak**

**Marcelo in the Real World**  
**by Francisco X. Stork**

**Night Hoops by Carl Deuker**

**Secret Life of Bees**  
**by Sue Monk Kidd**

**Ship Breaker**  
**by Paolo Bacigalupi**

**The Six Rules of Maybe**  
**by Deb Caletti**

**Trickster's Choice**  
**by Tamora Pierce**

**Unwind by Neal Shusterman**