

# IDAHO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

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## QUESTION SET PAYMENT DUE 12/15



IDAHO BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Question sets are \$30.

- Fill out the invoice form (see end of newsletter for copy) or go to: <https://idahobattleofthebooks.org/get-involved/how-to-participate/>
- Put in payment type (check) in envelope with invoice
- Mail invoice and payment to:  
Idaho Battle of the Books  
PO Box 191122  
Boise, ID 83709

Questions? Email [Idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com](mailto:Idahobattleofthebooks@gmail.com)

Paying by Venmo? Please look for the handle [@idahobattleofthebooks](https://www.venmo.com/idahobattleofthebooks)



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## THE NUMBERS



Schools signed up so far:  
Elementary: 30  
Middle School/Junior High: 25  
High School: 12

## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER



IWB questions are being checked by grade level committees

### DECEMBER/JANUARY



Question sets are put together by volunteers

### DEC. 15TH



Deadline for ordering question sets



## DIVISION LEVEL CHAIRS

We have three wonderful volunteers as the division level chairs. If you have questions about how to run the program at your school, please contact the division chair.

### High School:

Julie Hatcher (Owyhee High School, Meridian) [hatcher.julie@westada.org](mailto:hatcher.julie@westada.org)

### Middle School/Junior High

Lisa Rakes (Lakes Middle school, Coeur D'Alene) [lrakes@cdaschools.org](mailto:lrakes@cdaschools.org)

### Elementary:

Sara Grimm (Atlas Elementary, Coeur D'Alene) [sgrimm@cdaschools.org](mailto:sgrimm@cdaschools.org)



Do you have a book you would like to nominate for the high school level? Please email Julie Hatcher at [hatcher.julie@westada.org](mailto:hatcher.julie@westada.org) by January 8th to add it to the nomination list.

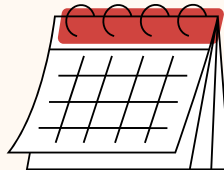
## CALENDAR IDEAS FOR IBOB

### DECEMBER

- Hold IBOB meetings as needed
- Team names should be finalized at this point
- Students continue reading books
- Teams can fill out reading/team progress chart (found on IBOB website)
- Continue learning names of titles and authors (Kahoot is a fun way to do this)
- Consider a little holiday party to send them into the long break with renewed interest in reading/preparing for battles

### JANUARY

- Hold IBOB meetings as needed
- Students continue reading books
- Teams can fill out reading/team progress chart (found on IBOB website)
- Start scheduling battles for end of January/February
- Make copies of question sets as needed (they will be emailed mid-January)
- Practice battles with teams before points start to count (use the first few sets to do that)



# THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER QUESTION WRITERS!

Battle of the Books wouldn't exist without our volunteers who nominate books, read books, and write questions for books. Many volunteers write questions for multiple books. A big thank you to:

**Elementary:** Amy Armstrong, Paige Beach, Raquel Brewer, Stephanie Cecil, Maria Cottle, Kayla Elkington, Sara Grimm, Tess Jones, Tracy Krichbaum, Gena Marker, Lisa Rakes, Jeannie Standal, Robyn Taylor, Brigette Warner

**MS/JR:** Amy Armstrong, Paige Beach, Melissa Bollinger, Maria Cottle, Mandy Genetti, Jen Livesey, Rashelle Mack, Kelsea Skaggs, Jen Wills

**High School:** Amy Armstrong, Melissa Bollinger, Julie Field, Angela Geiser, Julie Hatcher, Kara Louie, Gena Marker, Christie Nichols, Joey Nicholls, Heidi Robbins



If you are interested in being a book reader or question writer, please contact the division level chair of your preferred level.

## SCHEDULING BATTLES



Scheduling battles is up to the IBOB coach. Some things to consider before you schedule battles:

- Is there a free time like lunch, advisory or break where teams can meet to battle?
- Do you have teams with multiple grade levels and will need to schedule accordingly?
- How many teams do you have?
- How many battles do you want to have before a 'winner' is picked for your school to attend a regional tournament?
- Will you be keeping a points total score of all the battles or a wins/losses record to determine the winner?
- If a team doesn't show up for battle, will you reschedule or allow the team that showed up to answer the even or odds questions?

Once you have a plan in mind, it is a good idea to put the battles in your calendar AND hand out the battle schedule to the teams. The question sets will be sent mid-January, so you can decide how to use them.

Doing a practice battle or two, where points don't count, is a way to get teams excited for upcoming battles but also allow them to practice being a spokesperson, answering questions as a team, and how to work together.

You can schedule as many battles as you would like, but keep in mind your energy level and all the other library tasks you have to do and what the schedule is like in the library. If you have 5 teams and do 5 battles, that is 25 battles to schedule from mid-January to end of March.

# INVOICE



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**DATE**

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**2023-24**

**School Year**

Bill to:

IBOB coach:

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check which set(s) you are requesting:

Elementary (grades 4-6)

Middle School/Junior High (grades 6-9)

High School (grades 9-12)

**QUANTITY**

**DESCRIPTION**

**PRICE**

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IBOB questions

\$30.00 per set

Total \_\_\_\_\_