



# Welcome to the SJA Reading Olympics

## Hello and welcome to the Kickoff of the 2016-17 Saint Joan of Arc Battle of the Books!

Battle of the Books (BOB) is a PSO/Parent run reading competition for Grades 3-8 that begins with a “Kick-off” on Friday November 4th, and ends with a jeopardy-style battle between the finalists from each grade on March 31st. Our goal is to get kids interested in reading.

Each grade will be assigned ten age-appropriate books to read, which were previously voted on by the students or have been chosen by their teachers as required reading in class. As students read, they qualify for various rewards along the way. Students must read (or listen to) at least six of the books to participate in the class battles. See below for more incentives.

### What can parents do to help?

- Encourage your child to read and make sure they turn in their review forms (available in classrooms.) You can also print the review form at home (last page of this document.)
- Remind your child of the timeline and prizes they will receive.
- Volunteer as a reader who helps write questions for the battle and read WITH your child!
- Support the **SJA Scholastic Book Fair** which Starts **Nov. 8th** and has many of the BOB books available to purchase for your child or to donate to their classroom.

### How does my child get these books?

- There will be at least two copies of each book in each classroom that can be borrowed.
- There will be copies on reserve on the Bookmobile.
- Visit your local libraries.
- Purchase through Scholastic or our SJA Amazon Smile account (link is on the SJA website & in the PSO eblast.) Books marked with an “(S)” may be at the scholastic book fair.

### What are the incentives?

**Bronze Medal Readers:** Read two books & turn in review forms to teacher by **Dec 16th**  
Prize - Out of uniform day on **Dec 21st**

**Silver Medal Readers:** Read four books and turn in review forms to teacher by **Feb 13th**  
Prize - Hot chocolate party on **Feb 17th**

**Gold Medal Readers:** Read at least six books and turn in review forms to teacher by **March 20th** to  
qualify for the Preliminary Olympic Battles. Reading Olympians will compete against their classmates  
**March 23 - 28th** for a spot in the Olympic Finals, which will occur on **Friday March 31st!**

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Book Lists:

**3rd/4th grade:**

1. *The Magic Treehouse #16: Hour of the Olympics* by Mary Pope Osborne
2. *Bone: Out of Boneville* by Jeff Smith (S)
3. *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo
4. *Where Are You Going Baby Lincoln?* By Kate DiCamillo (S)
5. *El Deafo* by Cece Bell (S)
6. *The BFG* by Roald Dahl (S)
7. *The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet* by Eleanor Cameron
8. *Who Was Muhammad Ali* by James Buckley, Jr. and Stephen Marchesi
9. *What are the Summer Olympics* by Gail Herman
10. *First Day of School Forever* by R.L. Stine

**5th/6th grade:**

1. *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper
2. *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine (S)
3. *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen (no extra books needed)
4. *No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits*, by Jordan Romero (S)
5. *Who Was Jesse Owens* by James Buckley, Jr. (S)
6. *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier (S)
7. *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander (S)
8. *A Year Without Autumn* by Liz Kessler
9. *Lily's Crossing* by Patricia Reilly Giff
10. *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson

**7th/8th grade:**

1. *The Arrival* by Shaun Tan
2. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
3. *Murder on the Orient* by Agatha Christie
4. *Echo* by Pam Munoz Ryan (S)
5. *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life* by Wendy Mass
6. *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (full class set - no extras needed)
7. *The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation)* by Daniel James Brown
8. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
9. *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Hoskins Forbes (full class set - no extras needed)
10. *Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin (full class set - no extras needed)



### 2016-17 Battle of the Books Review Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title &  
Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Rate the Book!

\_\_\_\_\_ **0 - 5.99 (No Medal)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **6 - 8.5 Bronze Medal**

\_\_\_\_\_ **8.5 - 9.5 Silver Medal**

\_\_\_\_\_ **9.5 - A perfect 10 - Gold Medal**

Comments on the book:

Would you recommend this book to others? Yes / No (Circle one)