

The background is a dark navy blue. It is decorated with several large, overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes, primarily triangles and parallelograms, in a variety of colors including bright green, cyan, magenta, orange, and red. These shapes are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some appearing to recede into the background and others coming forward.

Hosting a 100% Virtual Battle of the Books



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Technology Competent

From e-books, to Google Sheets,
and Zoom breakout rooms!

Technology We Used

E-BOOKS

Overdrive and Hoopla

WEBSITE PROMOTION

Evanced and Library Website

SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION

Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest,
and Instagram

GOOGLE OFFICE SUITE

Google Docs and Google
Sheets.

VIDEO CONFERENCING SOFTWARE

Zoom + Zoom Breakout Rooms
(there's a Google workaround if you use
Google Classroom)

Building the Program

Book selection, writing questions,
registration, teams, scoring, and more!

Book Selection Considerations

- › Quality, popularity, overlap with other reading lists?
- › Overdrive vs. Hoopla copies.
- › Availability (we wound up removing one title).
- › Can student obtain a physical copy instead of an e-book?

Registration & Building Teams

- › Direct registration for each library.
- › Teams register in (parentheses).
- › Teams assigned post registration.
- › Correspondence via email and Zoom meetings.
- › Battle of the Books Guidelines document.

Writing Questions & Scoring

- Staff shared Google Sheet.
- Page numbers and e-books, don't go together.

	A	B	C
1	Question		
2	In which books is the main character an acquired savant?		
3	In which book is a character surprised to discover that a school tour inclines an entrance exam.		
4	In which book is a dog diagnosed with brain cancer?		
5	In which book is a dog named Cutie Pi?		
15	In which book does a character's mother hand out scented pencils to trick-or-treaters at Halloween?		

Nowhere Boy The Miscalculations of Lightning

	A
1	Question
2	1 In which book do children create fake ID papers?
3	
4	2 In which book does it include tips on how to perform?
5	
6	3 In which book does Billy knock a popsicle out of M
7	
8	4 In which book does a character's mother hand out

Round 1

Writing Questions & Scoring

- › Team Google Sheets as answer sheets.
- › Google Sheets scoreboard.

Formulas to remember

- › =SUM(cells to add)
- › = click on the cell (in another tab) whose value you want to show on the scoreboard.

Battle



Day Setup!

How We Ran The Show on Battle Day

One BIG Zoom Meeting!

We required registration and everyone joined via their emailed Zoom Link.

Practice Session!

We went over the rules and spent some time practicing so student could get familiar with the setup.

Breakout Rooms + Sheets!

Team answer sheets were direct messages to team captains. The host put everyone into their preassigned breakout rooms, and the Battle began!

Breaks Between Rounds

Three minute breaks were given between rounds, so that staff could score and cut & paste next round's questions.

Zoom Setup

Video	Host	On
	Participant	On
Audio	Telephone and Computer Audio	
	Dial from United States of America	
Meeting Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">× Enable join before host× Mute participants upon entry × Only authenticated users can join× Automatically record meeting on the local computer	
Breakout Room	8 Breakout Rooms View detail	

Breakout Room Assignment

8 rooms, 33 participants

Assign participants to breakout rooms by adding their email. You can create up to 50 breakout rooms and assign up to a total of 200 participants.

Rooms	+	Book Nerds
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Book Wormz	4	
MILKY KINGS	4	
Racing Readers	5	
Book Worms	3	
Bookie Monsters	3	
Lunch Club	5	
Rebel Readers	5	

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Co-host

Allow the host to add co-hosts. Co-hosts have the same in-meeting controls as the host.



Hindsight is 2020

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK "HINDSIGHT IS 20/20"

2020

**WAS A MESSAGE FROM A FUTURE
TIME TRAVELER THAT WE ALL MISUNDERSTOOD**

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But Honestly: What We Learned

- › Make sure you have enough copies for any situation. You don't know what the future will hold.
- › Mandatory Practice Session before Battle Day!
- › Length of the program should be shortened.
- › Cheating can be easier when virtual. Be flexible and be ready to make changes on the spot!
- › This program was our most popular of the summer!



THANKS!

Any questions?

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