



Big Little Books Battle Tournament Rules

Introduction

[Big Little Books Battle \(GTA\)](#) is a **free** book-based trivia tournament that promotes literacy and a love for reading in partnership with the Barrie Public Library. Funded by the Government of Canada, Service Corps Canada, and TakingItGlobal, and Temerty School of Medicine, University of Toronto, BLBB is for GTA students from grades 5 to 8. Parents can sign up their child[ren] and we will each put together a team of students to work together to read as many books as possible from our annual book list (selections from Silver Birch and Red Maple). We can help students to divide the book list, create practice questions, or run trivia games to encourage students to read as many books as possible, work together, and have fun.

“Send a team to our one-day book trivia tournament to win prizes and make friends!

[Big Little Books \(BLB\)](#) (registered non-for-profit running BLBB), through partnership with Barrie Public Library will assist teams with any inquiries and prepare for the tournament. Additional meetings can be arranged with BLB staff upon request. As well, public libraries will have multiple copies of each book on the book list that students can sign out with their library cards. This year, the tournament will be held **June 12, 2022 at 11am–2pm**; due to COVID-19, the tournament will be held virtually.

Teams

- Students should be from **grades 5–8** and be put onto a team with 6–8 students
- One member from each team will be the team’s “Speaker”. The Speaker will communicate the team’s answer to the group facilitator (GF). GFs are members of the judging panel from Big Little Books.
- All members of the team will participate in each round of the tournament.

Costs

- Free. There are no costs to participate in the tournament.

Tournament Day Breakdown

- BLBB will be broken down into four phases over 2.5 hours.
 - **Intro (~20 minutes):** Opening ceremony and tournament introduction. Warm-up questions will be given to each team before the battle begins.
 - **Phase 1 (~30 minutes): Oral Battle** - Each team will be put into separate break out rooms on Zoom, which will be moderated by a group facilitator (GF). They will be given one minute per question, at the end of which the Speaker will relay their answers to the GF. All the teams that get the correct



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answer will get the maximum amount of points (6). Teams that get the answer wrong will be given another minute to answer the question. Teams who get it correct after the second attempt will get half points (3) and teams who get it wrong will receive minimum points (1). Points will be tallied by the GF.

- **Intermission 1 (~10 minutes):** following the oral battle, the teams will be given a short 5-minute break and then reconvene for Phase 2.
- **Phase 2 (~5 minutes): Lightning Round** - Here they will have to answer as many questions as they can within two minutes. If they can't answer a question, they'll be allowed to skip. Each correct answer is worth 1 point and wrong/skipped answers are 0 points.
- **Intermission 2 (~20 minutes):** Teams will be given a 20-minute break to recharge before the finale. The panel of judges will tally the scores to determine the top four teams that will proceed to Phase 3. They will be announced at the end of the break.
- **Phase 3 (~15 minutes): Semi-Finale** - The top four teams will compete following the modified structure of Phase 1. First, teams will complete the Oral Battle but only be given one minute per question and no second chances (for a total of 10 questions). Correct answers will be worth 3 points. The two teams with the highest points will move onto the final phase.
- **Intermission 3 (~5 minutes):** A panel of judges will tally the scores to determine the final two teams, who will duke it out in the Grand Battle.
- **Phase 4 (~15 minutes): Grand Battle** - Here, the two teams will compete head-to-head in a modified Lightning Round of two minutes. A question will be given, but the team that puts their hand up first on Zoom can answer first. If they get it right, then they get 3 points. If not, then the other team gets a chance to answer for the 3 points. If both teams get it wrong, then no points are awarded, and we move onto the next question. This phase will have ten questions.
- **Finale (~5 minutes):** The top three to four teams will be announced. Prizes will be distributed by mail.

Questions and Answers

- Question Types:
 - Open-ended (e.g., name the author, title of the book, character names)
 - Multiple choice (e.g., name the character who did X in book Y)
 - Fill-in-the-blanks



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- Questions will be asked, after which the timer will start. Once the timer begins, teams can ask to hear the question again or give their answer(s). Oral Battles only allow one answer attempt and Lightning Round will allow multiple (within the time limit). Only the Speaker is allowed to communicate with GF.
 - Modified Lightning Round in Grand Battle will not allow for question repeats or multiple answer attempts.

Books

- Books have been chosen from official Red Maple and Silver Birch titles (book list: <https://www.biglittlebooks.ca/big-little-books-battle>)
- Teams can decide how to approach the books: either each member reads all the books (recommended), or they can split the list with members only reading certain books.

Note

- Given the nature of the pandemic, the tournament will be held online over Zoom. If there is an accessibility concern, please let us know in advance.
- All participants are advised that consent to be photographed or filmed by the BLB or the media (if present) is implied. Parents must inform BLB staff of any exceptions to this, and we will gladly accommodate requests.
- The tournament cannot be recorded by anyone other than for media purposes if permission has been granted by BLB staff.

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