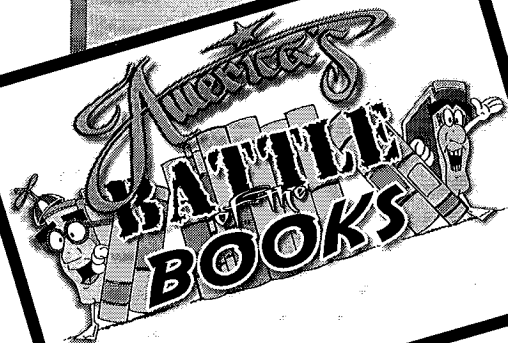


Chardon

Middle

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introduces...



A competition for
students who
enjoy reading,
welcome a
challenge, and
want to have
some fun!

2011 Book List

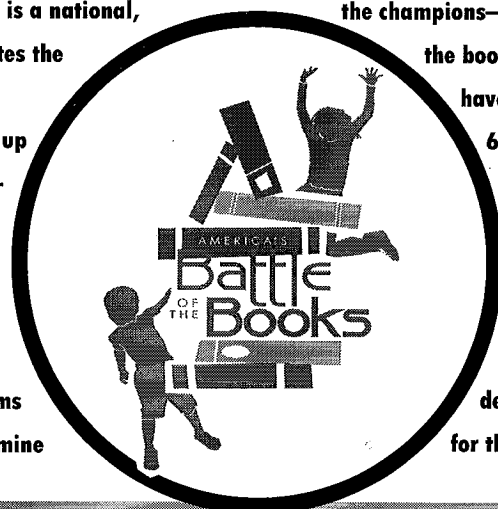
- *Firegirl* - Abbott
- *Hope Was Here* - Bauer
- *A Solitary Blue* - Voigt
- *Al Capone Does My Shirts* - Choldenko
- *Face on the Milk Carton* - Cooney
- *Boggart* - Cooper
- *Black Star, Bright Dawn* - O'Dell
- *There's a Bat in Bunk Five* - Danziger
- *House of the Scorpion* - Farmer
- *Lincoln: A Photobiography* - Freedman
- *Nory Ryan's Song* - Giff
- *Out of the Dust* - Hesse
- *Breaking Through* - Jimenez
- *Maddie Takes the Ice* - House
- *Kira-Kira* - Kadohata
- *Tail of Emily Windsnap* - Kessler
- *Silent to the Bone* - Konigsburg
- *Gentle Ben* - Morey
- *Other Side of Dark* - Nixon
- *Project Mulberry* - Park
- *Bridge to Terabithia* - Paterson
- *The River* - Paulsen
- *Wolf Brother* - Paver
- *The Teacher's Funeral* - Peck
- *Missing May* - Rylant
- *Letters From Wolfie* - Sherlock
- *Stargirl* - Spinelli
- *Flipped* - Van Draanen
- *Dragonwings* - Yep
- *Devil's Arithmetic* - Yolen
- *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* - Riordan

If you have any questions, please see or
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So ... what is this new club?

America's Battle of the Books (ABB) is a national, non-profit organization that promotes the reading of good, quality literature. Chardon Middle School has teamed up with the ABB in its quest to encourage students to read more.

Students make a commitment to read as many of the books on the published list as possible, then teams battle against one another to determine



the champions— those who knows the most about the books on the list. Each grade level will have two teams in this challenge: 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B. Teams of students meet on Wednesdays during ICE to discuss what they've read and make plans for what they are going to read next. As the battle date draws near, teams decide who will represent their team for the final competition. The final com-

petition team will have six team members and two alternates.

Teams will build camaraderie by selecting a team name and color. They may even develop a team slogan. Teams will design a team poster for the day of the battle. Team members are expected to encourage one another and be supportive of other club members as well. Yes, this is a competition, however good sportsmanship is expected at all times.

Who may participate?

ABB club is open to all Chardon Middle School students who like to read. Students who join make a commitment to read the books from the list on their own and join in the Wednesday discussion groups.

All school rules for club / sport participation apply.

Do I need to read all the books?

No, you do not need to read all thirty books, but you will want to read as many as possible. You will also want to keep a journal recording the titles, authors, characters, and events from each book. Because you are reading so many books, it is easy to confuse characters and events from one book with those of another book.

Where do I get the books?

You may borrow the books from the school library,

the public library, or from your language arts teacher. If you decide to purchase the books, talk to your team members first. If a team member has already made a purchase, it would be cost efficient to share the books.

When and where do the teams meet?

Teams will meet on Wednesdays in their language arts classroom during ICE. During this time, teams will chart who has read which books, discuss the likes/dislikes of each book, decide who will read which books next. Teams will also use this time for team building activities.

What is the final battle?

The final Battle is a competition among the teams, similar to a quiz bowl. Teams will compete in various rounds of questions in an attempt to determine which team knows the most about the books.

When is the final battle?

Participants will be excused from some classes on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 for the final Battle.. However, students are expected to make up all missed work.

Who participates in the final battle?

Each team will select six participants and two alternates to represent their team for the final battle. It is important that at least one of the members on the competition team has read each of the books from the list.

How do I join?

1. Sign up during your language arts class. All participants must be registered by Tuesday, January 25th.
2. Pick a book from the list and start reading.
3. Attend the first team meeting on Wednesday, January 26th.