



BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Sample Questions

The following are some examples of questions asked in written and oral battles. Not all questions will fall into these precise categories.

1. “Name of important character or significant nickname of a minor character”
In *ELLA ENCHANTED*, who was Ella's fairy godmother?
2. “In what book” questions
In what book did you learn what a pitchkosan is?
3. “Comparison with another book(s) on the list”
In *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, Captain Cook would gather buttons for his nest. Give the first and last name of another Battle character who collected buttons.
4. “Important setting or location”
On her first day of school, Svetlana learned that both she and her teacher Ms. Larch had recently moved to their new town. Name the town.
5. “Short answer – significant title, event or object”
Nicodemus was founder of the community. Hermione was elected Presiding Rat and was the schoolteacher. Justin was head of what?
6. “Give one out of two or more possibilities”
A penguin can only keep two eggs warm at a time, but Greta laid ten eggs. Name one of two items that Mr. Popper used to keep the other eggs warm.
7. “Quotation directly from the book”
Tyler Tucker told a reporter for the Cedar Glen Gazette: "Animals need your help. They don't care what you look like, what kind of clothes you wear, or if you're popular in school. They only care about ... " what?
8. “Definition of unique terms or important words”
In *THE CHICKEN DOESN'T SKATE*, we learn the scientific name for the stage of growth of a chicken after a hatchling and before a full grown chicken. Name this stage of growth.
9. “Why” questions
In *ELLA ENCHANTED*, why did Lucinda give Ella the gift of obedience?

ANSWERS

Mandy	Levine	p 22
ONCE ON THIS ISLAND	Whelan	p 16, 77
Will Page	Reeder	p 56, 62, 72
Sunny Hill	Harris	p 13, 15
Rat Security, Defense	Conly	p 69
hot water bottles, electric heat pads	Atwater	p 75
“what’s in your heart”	Hobbs	p 166
pullet	Korman	p 35
Ella cried inconsolably after she was born.	Levine	p 3

Helpful Hints

- Listen carefully to the question. Is it asking for the title of the book or the name of a character?
Did the question ask for both a first and last name?
- There are 3 ways to answer a question about a Battle character.
 - If the question asks for the first and last name, both have to be correct.
 - If the question asks “Name the Battle character,” you need to give a name such as “Mr. Popper.” You may give both the first and last names, but both names need to be correct. Saying “the neighbor” rather than a name would not be correct.
 - If the question asks “What Battle character?” any identifying name or title would be acceptable.
- When giving a title, use the complete title as listed on our Battle Booklist, such as “Brendan Buckley’s Universe and Everything in it.” Just saying “Brendan Buckley” is not acceptable.
- We will not ask for more information if your answer is incomplete. However, be careful to not give so much information that part of your answer is wrong.
- Multiple Choice and True/False questions will be used during Written Battles and as tie-breakers for Oral Battles.