5th GRADE

Battle of the Books

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Welcome to our 2020 Grand Finale teams!
Round 1
In *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, what kind of animal was Mr. Ages?
Mouse
(not rat)
p. 12
In which Battle of the Books book (complete title) can you find this quote? “I sit on the stool exactly the way the photographer says: Ankles crossed. Hands in lap. Head tilted like a confused puppy. Who sits like this, ever? I look like a victim of taxidermy.”
Merci Suarez Changes Gears

p. 11
True or False?
In *Catching a Storyfish*, Keet’s family brought their cat and dog to their new house.
False (Allegra saw no pets when she observed the family moving in), p. 23
In *The Night Garden*, where did Zebediah keep his letters?
The Hermit’s cabin,
or with the Hermit,
or cabin,
p. 179
In *Finding Langston*, who were Langston’s guardian angels? (2 points)
His mama, or mother, or mom, or Teena, and his grandma, or grandmother.
True or False?
In *New Kid*, Jordan scored the only Riverdale goal in the soccer game against Francis Prep.
True
(he scored it by accident when the ball smacked off his head)
p. 80-81
In *Front Desk*, what kind of flowers (name) did Jason give to Mia during recess?
Dandelions
p. 101
In *Saving Winslow*, what did Louie call his father’s childhood friend (name)? (2 points)
SAVING WINSLOW

a novel

Uncle Pete
p. 41-42
True or False?

In *The Light Jar*, Nate hadn’t seen his imaginary friend Sam for ten years.
False
p. 44-45, 48
(It was six years since Nate last saw his imaginary friend Sam)
In *The Lifters*, what two people were Gran looking for after the City Hall vote? (2 points)
His mother, or mom Maisie, or his sister p. 258
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Round 2
In *Front Desk*, what was the first and last name of the owner of the motel that Mia’s parents managed? (2 points)
In *Finding Langston*, what did the following people have in common: Emerson, Frost, Hughes, Dickinson, Dunbar? Be specific.
They were poets

p. 69
In *Saving Winslow*, Mack thought Winslow was like a ______ ______ because he followed Louie everywhere.

A. Curious Kitten  
B. Little Lamb  
C. Norway Lemming  
D. Playful Puppy
Fill in the blank.
In *New Kid*, according to Jordan’s dad, you should “never, ever give someone a ____ ____” when shaking hands. (2 points)
In *Catching a Storyfish*, who (name) encouraged Keet to submit her “Dream Day” story to a national contest?
In *The Lifters*, what was the name of this stargazing lead horse?
Gussie
p. 75
Fill in the blank. In *The Night Garden*, the first letter Zebediah received in the mail said the following:

“___ is the ____”

(2 points)
Now is the time

p. 109
In *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*, which family member (name) explained Lolo’s disease with the most detail to Merci?
In *The Light Jar*, what song was everyone singing while Charlotte was missing?

A. Happy Birthday
B. For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow
C. Auld Lang Syne
D. Mr. Blue Sky
C. Auld Lang Syne
p. 91
In *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, what were the names of Dr. Schultz’s lab assistants? (2 points)
Round 3
Which Battle of the Books book (complete title) is this quote from and who said it? (2 points) “This day is done. This day will never come again. Everything has changed. Remind yourself of that every morning and every night, and then you won’t come to expect anything but what is. It’s expecting anything but what is that makes people unhappy.”
In *The Light Jar*, what did Nate think the statues at Kitty’s house looked like? Be specific.
Zombies, or zombie
p. 155
In *New Kid*, who did the following characters get for their Secret Santa? (4 points)

Jordan =
Liam =
Drew =
Ashley =
Jordan = Ashley
Liam = Collin
Drew = Graham
Ashley = Drew
p. 127, 137
In *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, when the rats started reading the books at Boniface Estate, what was Nicodemus’ favorite subject?

A. Electricity  
B. Biology  
C. Music and art  
D. Navigation  
E. History  
F. Mathematics  
G. Astronomy
E. History p. 159
In *The Lifters*, what was the name of the woman on Catalina Catalan’s shirt that Gran recognized? (3 points)
Ruth Bader Ginsburg
p. 111-112
Fill in the blanks. In *Catching a Storyfish*, an American Haiku generally has ____ syllables in the first line, ______ syllables in the second line and ____ syllables in the third line. (3 points)
Five, Seven, Five
p. 220
In *Finding Langston*, what was the name of the street of Langston’s apartment building?
In *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*, Merci dressed up as Ammut for her Egyptian project. What three animals was it made of? Be specific. (3 points)
A crocodile
(not alligator)
A lion
A hippo
p. 220, 256
In *Saving Winslow*, what items did Louie tuck into the pen with Winslow when he went back to school after Winter Break? Be specific. (2 points)
Stuffed animals, A shirt p. 58
In *Front Desk*, name the 5 Weeklies who lived at the Calivista. (5 points)
• Hank
• Mrs. Q
• Mrs. T
• Billy Bob
• Fred

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Round 4
In *New Kid*, according to the drawing of the “cafeteria hierarchy” in Jordan’s journal, match the names with the school groups (10 points):

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A. Regular seniors = 5. Wolves
B. Senior athletes = 9. Lions
C. Upper-class = 1. Rhinos
D. Juniors = 7. Foxes
E. Kids who don’t speak English = 2. Mice
F. Sophomores = 10. Owls
G. Freshman = 8. Ants
H. Theater Kids = 6. Whatever lions eat next
I. Dorky Clubs = 3. Worms
J. First and Second Formers = 4. Toenail fungus

p. 40-41
In *Merci Suarez Changes Gears*, what were the names of author Meg Medina’s grandmothers? (2 points)
Fefa Bena (not just Abuela)

Author’s notes
In *Saving Winslow*, what was the first and last name of the artist of the picture that hung above Louie’s bed? (2 points)
In *The Lifters*, there were stories of battles against the Hollows. Where did the two battles occur? (2 points – must have entire names for point)
Nova Scotia, Tierra del Fuego
p. 284
In *Finding Langston*, which one of these writers was NOT in the pictures in the library?

A. Margaret Walker  
B. Gwendolyn Brooks  
C. Mark Twain  
D. Langston Hughes  
E. Richard Wright
C.
Mark Twain
p. 66
In *Front Desk*, what was Mia’s essay for the motel contest entitled? (5 points)
If I Owned a Motel
p. 223-224
In *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH*, Mr. Ages gave Mrs. Frisby detailed directions on how to put the sleeping powder in the cat’s bowl. What was written on the side of the cat’s bowl? Be specific.
In *Catching a Storyfish*, match the student with the word spelled correctly while playing spelling baseball in Ms. Harner’s class. (5 points)

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1. Allegra = D. Astronauts
2. Keet = C. Pencil
3. Sonya = B. Prairie
4. Hudson = E. Illinois
5. Mark = A. Neighborhood

p. 90-91
In *The Night Garden*, what was the name of the Canadian Prime Minister in 1945? Spelling counts. (4 points)
William Lyon Mackenzie King
p. 241
In *The Light Jar*, according to *Freaky Things to Freak You Out*, what were the five keys to success in a “survival-against-the-odds situation”? Be specific. (5 points)
Shelter
Water
Food
Fire
Attitude
p. 49, 217
Several of this year’s Battle of the Books titles featured main characters who moved to a new school in the current year. Name the full titles that did not feature a main character who moved to a new school in the current year. (5 points)
Merci Suarez Changes Gears
Saving Winslow
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH
The Light Jar
The Night Garden
And the winner is...
TIEBREAKER
In *Catching a Storyfish*, what were the names of Keet’s friends at her old school before she moved? (12 points)
• Carl
• Alisha
• Michael
• Dante
• Lily
• Keisha
• Gordon
• Evie
• Madison
• Emma
• Charlette
• Taylor
In *The Lifters*, what five words were engraved on the back of Gran’s watch? (5 points)
Granite, my Rock.
Love Dad.
p. 92
In *The Night Garden*, what years did Maria May live? Hint: These years were printed on her grave stone. (2 points)
1798 – 1822
p. 145
In *The Lifters*, name the four locations that the Duke listed when talking about where Lifters were from. (4 points)
Winnipeg, Wyoming, Oaxaca, Peru
p. 289