

September 3, 2024

Dear Parents,

Students at Pungo Christian Academy are invited to participate in the Brenda Hamilton Memorial **America's Battle of the Books Competition**. This is our seventh year of an organized competition, and I am excited that we will be able to participate with other schools from our TIC conference in this year's competition. Details are still being planned, but the first step is for students to start reading the books.

The competition will be held in the Spring of 2025, and I will let participants know the date as soon as possible once it is scheduled. The competition is open to elementary (3rd-5th), middle school (6th-8th), and high school (9th-12th) students.

In order to participate, your child needs to commit to reading the books on the list. Students will be given a priority list and must read at least the six books they are assigned to individually, but they are encouraged to read all the books on the list. Students will be grouped in teams of 3-4 students and assigned books to ensure at least 2 members from their team have read each book. If we have more students than we need, there will be a test to determine which students will compete and which are alternates. A test will only be used if we have more than enough students. If that happens, I will let you and them know as soon as possible.

PCA has purchased books for students to read, and we will rotate copies to make sure everyone has a chance to read the books. *Students need to understand they will need to read at least one book per month in order to be prepared by the spring for the competition.*

Reading is shown to improve vocabulary and correlates with higher standardized test scores. Participating in America's Battle of the Books is an excellent extracurricular activity for all students, and it helps high school students build their resume as they begin to think about college.

Please talk about this with your child and return the signed form to me by September 27, 2024 if they would like to participate. I am excited about this opportunity and look forward to working with this year's students to prepare for another Battle of the Books competition.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rouse

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America's Battle of the Books Competition

I understand the expectations to compete for PCA in the America's Battle of the Books Competition. I commit to reading the books on the list, participating in any practices during school hours, and attending the competition in the spring of 2025.

Student Name _____

Student's Grade _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Please return to Mrs. Rouse by September 27, 2024