

# Timeline

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**May:** New list released

**September:** Teams formed

**December:** Registration

**March:** Written testing

**April:** Oral rounds

**After written testing, the top 16 teams advance to the oral rounds! A fast-paced game-show atmosphere held at MHS determines the top team in Iowa!**

Form a team of 4-6 students in grades 9-12, select a team name and find an adult team coach.

Coaches are responsible for monitoring the progress of their team and for encouraging each member to read as many of the books as possible. You might want to meet over the lunch hour. Be creative and make it fun!

At team meetings share important information (setting, plot, characters, theme) about the book.

Encourage parental support and interest by sending home a letter of introduction explaining the manager role and plans for future meeting.

Stage mock battles and ask questions from the books. Part of the battle will include knowledge of all the authors' names.

The most important role of the team coach is to encourage reading for enjoyment. Your good example and support are essential for the smooth operation of the BOB program.

Students take a online test at their home school to qualify for the Grand Battle (oral rounds). The top 16 teams in the state of Iowa are invited to Marshalltown High School to compete in this fast-paced game show type contest of fact-based trivia.

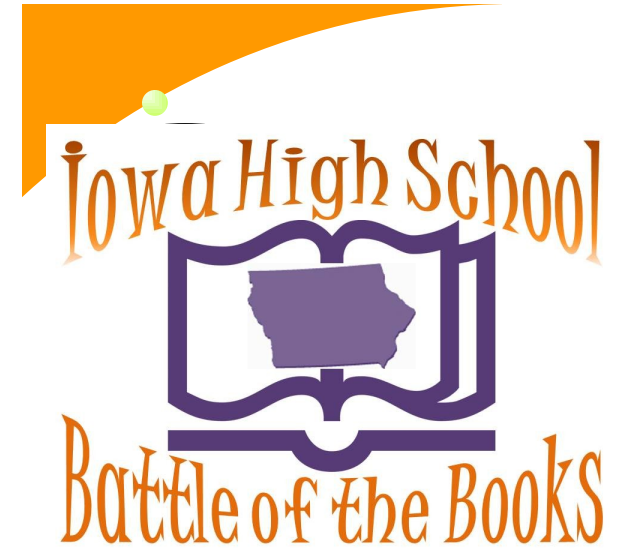
Most importantly, read good books and have fun!

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## 2010-2011

**“In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.”**

**~Mortimer Jerome Adler**

# Iowa High School Battle of Books

## IHSBOB Mission

To introduce and encourage students to read award-winning literature of multiple genres through the fun and excitement of a game format.

## IHSBOB History

There are several BOB competitions across the state of Iowa for elementary and middle school students, but none could be found for high school students. So, Susan Fritzell and Sue Inhelder, both teachers at Marshalltown High School, created IHSBOB in 2007.

Books are chosen from the previous years' winners of the following awards: Iowa High School Book, Alex, ALA's Best Books for Young Adults, Coretta Scott King, Scott O'Dell, Newberry, Schneider, Pura Belpre, Printz, and Hugo Awards. Our goal is to have approximately 30 titles.

Committee members write fact-based questions for competition in April and May.

## 2010-2011 IHSBOB List

*Blind Faith* by Ellen Wittlinger  
*Blue Bloods* by Melissa De la Cruz  
*Burned* by Ellen Hopkins  
*Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson  
*City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare  
*City of Thieves* by David Benioff  
*Deadline* by Chris Crutcher  
*A Curse Dark As Gold*  
by Elizabeth C. Bunce  
*Dear John* by Nicholas Sparks  
*The Dragons of Babel*  
by Michael Swanwick  
*Fade to Black* by Alex Flinn  
*Finding Nouf* by Zoë Ferraris  
*For One More Day* by Mitch Albom  
*Four Days to Glory* by Mark Kreidler  
*The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti  
*The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman  
*Jellicoe Road* by Melina Marchetta  
*Jerk, California* by Jonathan Friesen  
*Just After Sunset: Stories*  
by Stephen King  
*Knights of the hill country*  
by Tim Tharp

*Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan  
*Nineteen minutes* by Jodi Picoult  
*Over and Under* by Todd Tucker  
*The Oxford Project*  
by Stephen G. Bloom  
*Sharp Teeth* by Toby Barlow  
*The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom*  
by Margarita Engle  
*Three Girls and Their Brother*  
by Theresa Rebeck  
*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson

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