Helpful Hints & Tips

**General Tips**

As a whole, each team is responsible for reading/knowing all five books. Teams may divide up the reading how they choose; however, the more books each team member reads, the better your chances will be in the battles.

Check on the progress of your team members. Make sure everyone is reading their books!

Take notes while you read. This will help you recall more information from the books and will be something useful to study from before the battles.

Discuss the books together as a team to help each other remember important information and get a better understanding of the books.

Join the Battle Book Night on February 12 and/or the Battle Book Chat on February 22 to have fun with the books and learn more about them. Practice your recall of information, chat with others about the books, and maybe even pick up some possible Battle questions.

Have team members write practice questions about the books they have read, then quiz each other. The questions you come up with might be very similar to the questions asked at the battles, and they will help you practice remembering information from the book.

Prepare study guides, games, fact sheets, flashcards, etc. for each of the Battle books – anything that will help your team remember important information.

Arrange for a mock battle with another team or teams for practice, or battle against your own team members.

Come to the programs the library offers to receive information on the format and rules of the battles, or check the library’s Battle website for this information: dtdl.org/battle

Library copies of the Battle books must be checked out. Please return Battle books that have been borrowed from the library (or renew them) in a timely manner.

Have questions? Ask a library staff member for help.
Preparing for Battle
All battles will take place in the Elmwood Room at the Delta Township District Library. Make sure all team members know when the battles take place and have a way to get to the library.

Arrive 15 minutes early for your battle to get your team organized and ready.

All teams will participate in the first, Preliminary Battles on Thursday, February 27 at either 5:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. Make sure you know at which time your team is competing. These are written battles. The two Preliminary Battles will use different questions. (Based on scores from these battles, teams will be assigned a Semi-Final time slot (either 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.).

The Semi-Final and Final Battles will take place on Saturday, March 7. The Semi-Final Battles will follow a similar format to the Preliminary Battles and all teams will compete. The top three teams from each Semi-Final will compete in the Final Battle. The Final Battle will also be a written battle.

Friends and family are encouraged to attend the Final Battle to watch the competition and cheer on the teams. (There will limited room for an audience during the Preliminary and Semi-Final Battles.)

There will be a Battle Party Potluck on March 7 between the Semi-Finals and Finals, around 12:45 pm. All teams are invited to bring a Battle book-themed dish to share (plus a small sign indicating what it is). Be creative! The Library will provide plates, utensils, napkins, and cups.

At the Battle
Work together as a team. Listen to your teammates and use each other’s knowledge to answer questions correctly.

When you know an answer, speak up. Make sure your team hears your thoughts.

Keep all your team conversations fairly quiet. You don’t want other teams overhearing you.

If your team doesn’t know an answer, make a logical guess.

This competition is meant to be fun! So enjoy participating with your team and demonstrate good sportsmanship to other competitors.

If your team does not make it to the Final Battle, come anyway and cheer on the other teams!