

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

NOTE CARDS

Either as you are reading a book, or when you've finished it but before returning it to the library, make a note card or fill out an information sheet. These are for you to use to study by yourself or with your teammates. Since the official competitions don't begin to occur until February, these will help trigger your memory. With some books, it may help you to write these out as you're reading the book. For example, *The Westing Game* has about 20 characters, so it may help to keep them apart if you write it down as you are reading.

Here is what your information sheets should include.

Title: List it exactly as it is on the official list.

Author: List it exactly as it is on the official list.

Characters: Describe the main characters with lots of details, along with additional information about the minor characters. Include something interesting about each character.

Setting: Where did the book take place? Describe the setting with details. When did it occur?

Events: List the major events in the story.

Unique: Describe things that are unique to this story.

QUESTIONS

The questions always start with "In what book...". Write questions (some simple and general, and others very detailed), and then follow it with the answer listing the book and the author. These can be on a sheet of paper or note cards.

Samples:

Q: "In what book did the girl pray to the trees?"

A: *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech

Q: In what book did the sister dislike wearing her new glasses?

A: *Indigo's Star* by Hilary McKay

Q: In what book was the main character late for the first day of school because she helped a first grade boy find his classroom?

A: *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach.

