

# How to Write an “In Which Book...” Question

## Formation of Questions:

- Questions for Battle of the Books competitions are a little different from regular questions.
- It is sort of like Jeopardy except all of the answers are the name and author of the book.
- Questions should come from throughout the book (beginning, middle, and end).
- You should write 5 questions for each book read

## Question format example:

In which book does the main character present the key to her school to a famous sports figure?

“IN THE YEAR OF THE BOAR AND JACKIE ROBINSON” by Bette B. Lord, p.166, PB

## Please use the following rules when forming questions:

1. All questions should begin with “In which book...” (You may use IWB instead of writing it out each time!)
2. The name of a character must not be given. Instead, use “the main character”, “a fifteen-year-old-boy”, or similar phrasing.
3. Neither the title nor any part of the title should be used in the questions.
4. Each question should be specific enough that it cannot refer to two different books on the list.
  - a. For example: Don’t say, “In which book does a girl go to school?” – Too many answers possible. Use more details – but not too much – don’t give the answer away.