

Welcome
to the

Helen Ruffin Book Club



Agenda

- Format and Rules
- Let's Try It!
- Tips from the Pros
- Question Characteristics
- Write Questions
- Quality Control
- Planning of your Commercial

Brief Summary

- Students from grades 4-12 can participate.
- You can have up to ten team members on your team. (5 players and 5 alternates)
- Only one team per school.
- The elementary school reading list has 16 books.
- The middle and high school reading lists have 20 books each.

The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Format

1. Ideally each school plays six rounds.
2. Each round has 10 questions.
3. Alternates can be put into play between rounds.
4. Each correct answer is worth 10 points.
5. There are not penalties for incorrect answers.
6. Each team will have 5 players and up to 5 alternates.
7. Only one team per school.

Rules for the Game

- Students may hold the buzzers.
- When the student buzzes in the console, judge must acknowledge the student and team.
- The answer must be given within 10 seconds by the student that buzzed in.
- If the answer is incorrect, the question will be repeated for the other team. They will have ten seconds to answer after the buzzing in.
- If neither team buzzes in, the moderator will answer the question and proceed to the next question.

Rules Continue...

- If a contestant buzzes before the completion of a question, the moderator stops reading and, after being recognized, the contestant must answer immediately. If an incorrect answer is given, the moderator will read the entire question and the opposing team has an opportunity to answer the question within 10 seconds.
- Any concerns about an answer to a question **MUST** be addressed by the student to the **COACHES** before the next question is asked. The moderator's decision is final. The students will get the attention of the coach by raising his/her hand.
- Coaches must stay with their team. They will ask any questions, not a team member, a parent, or other visitors.

Winners

- The team that has the highest point total from all rounds will be deemed the winner.
- If two teams earn the same number of points at the end of all rounds, a run off round will be held to determine the winner.
- The winning elementary, middle, and high school team will go on to the next level of competition.

Where to Start?

- Let's hear from the voice of experience...
- Recruit a co-sponsor or coach to help you. Parents can be a valuable resource.
- Get your students reading the Georgia Book Award Nominees.
- Make a specific reading requirement for students, example: read four books per child. Make sure you have coverage for all the books.
- Have multiple copies of the books.
- Start meeting with interested students.
- Select your team...the earlier the better.
- Discuss the books.
- Students create practice questions.
- Share book talks about the book.
- Practice for the bowl!

Sample Question Exploration

- Visit the link below and check out the posted sample questions. Jot down the common characteristics you find.
- Sample Questions

Quality Question Test

- ☐ Do all the questions begin with “In the book, (title of the book),”?
- ☐ The questions are written using proper grammar and correct spelling?
- ☐ Do the questions have only one unique straight forward answer?
- ☐ Could all the answers be easily pulled out from a page of the book?
- ☐ Is the page number listed on the question template?
- ☐ Is the vocabulary used in the question appropriate for the students competing?