

BUILDING CROSS-DISTRICTS BOOK BATTLES IN MICHIGAN



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MEET THE BATTLE TEAM!



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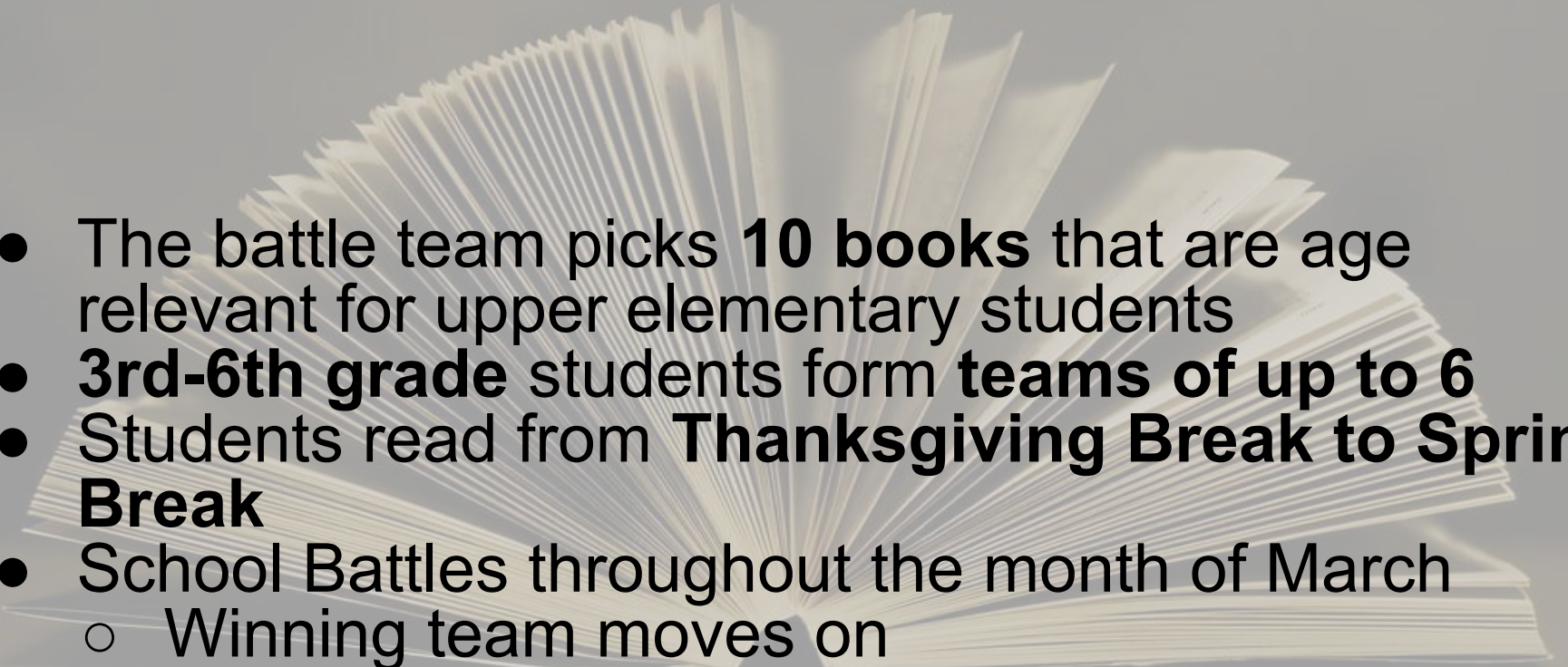


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WHAT IS A BOOK BATTLE?

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- The battle team picks **10 books** that are age relevant for upper elementary students
 - **3rd-6th grade** students form **teams of up to 6**
 - Students read from **Thanksgiving Break to Spring Break**
 - School Battles throughout the month of March
 - Winning team moves on
 - District Battle right before Spring Break

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO?

- **School/Public Librarians**

- Have the selected books available for checkout (Thanksgiving Break-Spring Break)
- Offer an open library time during lunch/recess for teams to read and practice (once a week)
- Problem solve team creation
- Reach out to local public library and bookstores to maintain a display of Battle Books to share the excitement with the community!

- **Library Assistants**

- Monitor book checkout
- Maintain a display of Battle Books at the school library

- **Teachers**

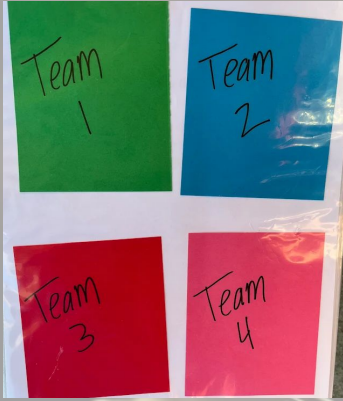
- Encourage students to participate and read as many of the books as they can
- Problem solve team creation
- Look for parents volunteers (optional)

- **Students**

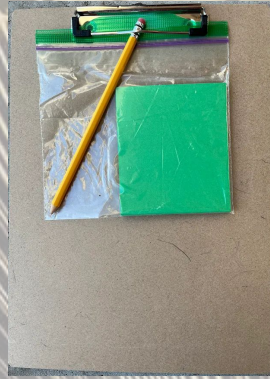
- Form teams & create a team name
- Read books - divide and conquer
- Practice quizzing each other about the books
- HAVE FUN!

Every program will look a little different based on resources and staffing...find a system that works best for you!

WHAT DO I need?



Pieces of colored paper (30 squares for each team)



Clipboard & Pencil



Multiple copies of the books



Optional: shirts

Optional: shields



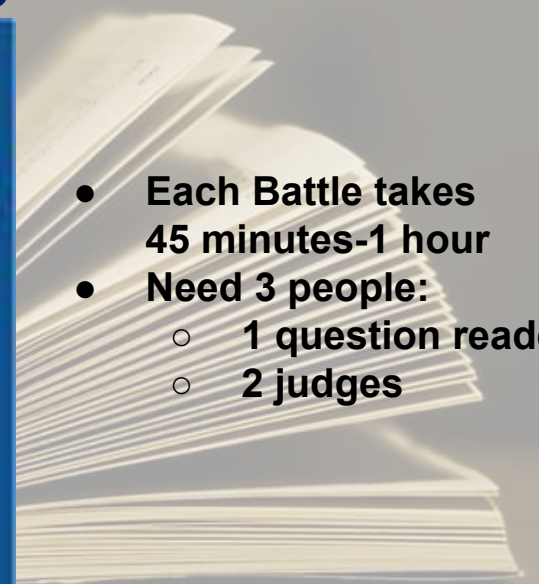
Optional: certificates, medals, trophies, prizes

WHAT DOES A BOOK BATTLE LOOK LIKE?

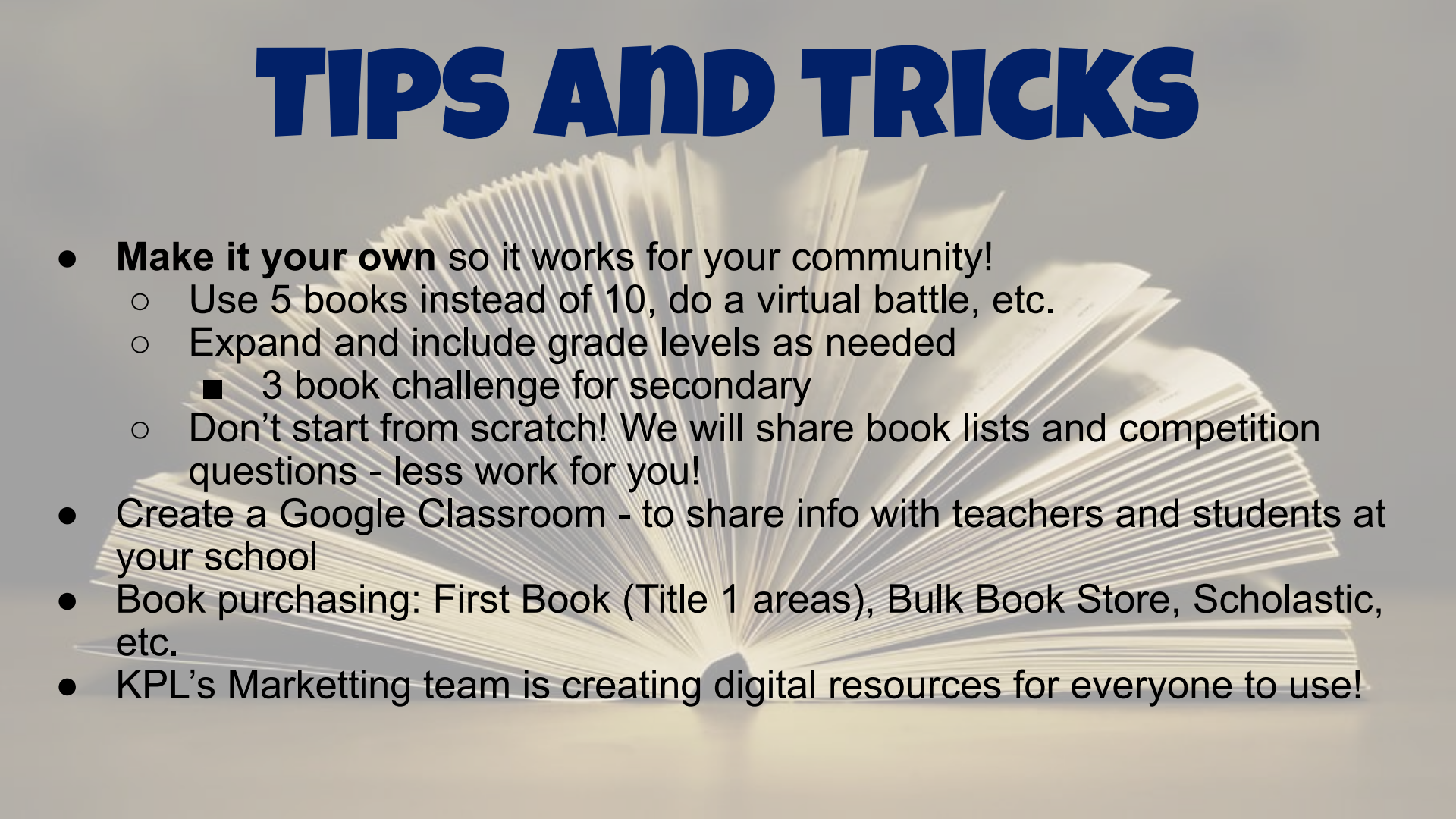
- **Teams sit together**
 - Every team has a clipboard, pencil, and sheets of colored paper
- **3 rounds, 8-10 questions each**
 - Questions are multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the blank, or short answer
- Teams discuss their answer and **bring their answer sheet to the judges table**
- **Judges keep score**
 - Announce scores as needed, and crown a winner at the end (tie-breakers as needed)
- Challenges can be submitted by participants only by the end of the round

LOOK LIKE



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- **Each Battle takes 45 minutes-1 hour**
 - **Need 3 people:**
 - **1 question reader**
 - **2 judges**

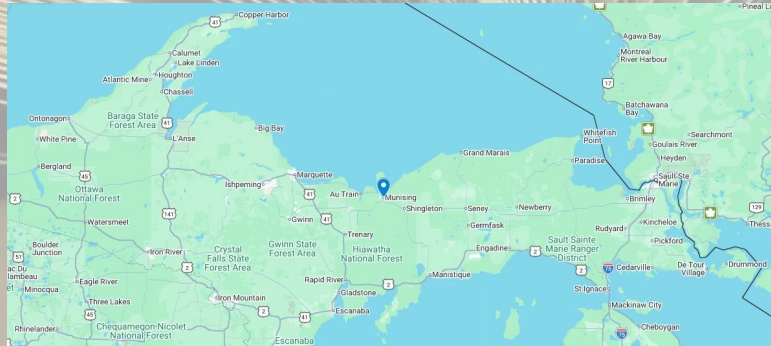
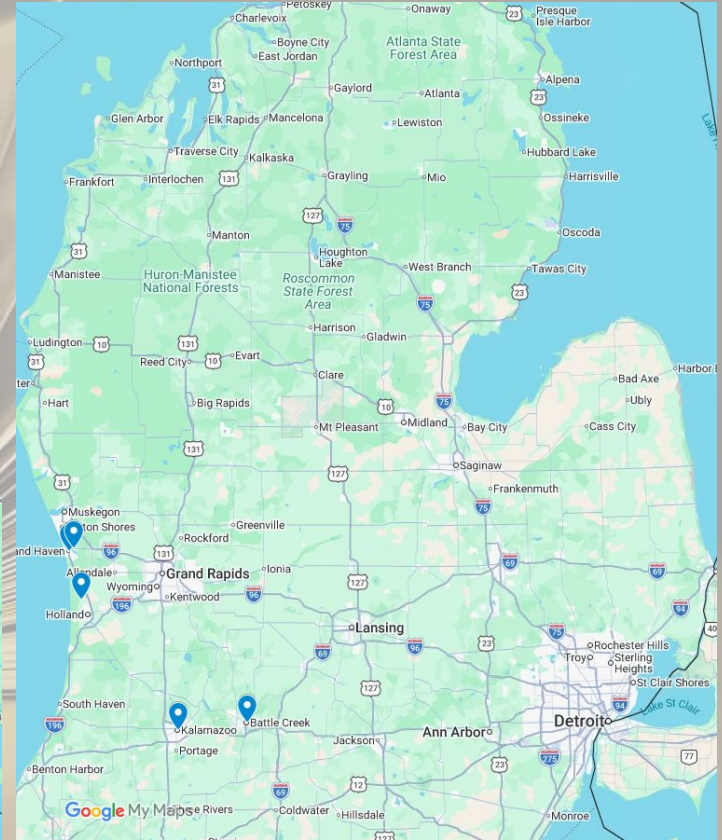
TIPS AND TRICKS



- **Make it your own** so it works for your community!
 - Use 5 books instead of 10, do a virtual battle, etc.
 - Expand and include grade levels as needed
 - 3 book challenge for secondary
 - Don't start from scratch! We will share book lists and competition questions - less work for you!
- Create a Google Classroom - to share info with teachers and students at your school
- Book purchasing: First Book (Title 1 areas), Bulk Book Store, Scholastic, etc.
- KPL's Marketing team is creating digital resources for everyone to use!

LONG TERM GOALS

- Shared reading across several districts across the state
- Statewide participation in a literacy event that encourages a joy for reading
- Have a virtual battle with school districts across the state!



WANT TO JOIN THE FUN?

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