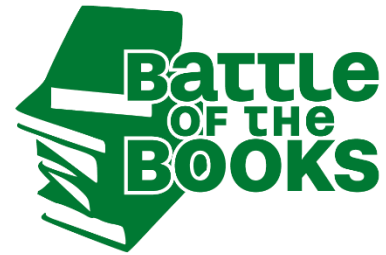


## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



### Teams

- **How many teams are participating in the Battle?**  
Twelve teams will be participating in the competition. Since we reach out to schools beyond Heidelberg, spots fill up quickly. Places are limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **How can the team be put together?**  
Teams may consist of participants from different grades, 10th and above.
- **Is it possible for my school to enter multiple teams in the competition?**  
Since we want to reach as many different schools as possible, that unfortunately isn't possible.
- **What if a team member no longer wants to participate?**  
The team needs to find a replacement team member as soon as possible so that they have 10 participants again.

### Books, T-Shirts and Prizes

- **How many of the 10 books must each participant have to read?**  
Each participant needs to read at least one book. If a student is an expert on several books, that's even better, of course.
- **How do I get the books?**  
The books can be picked up here at the DAI Library. If that's not possible because the school is too far away, we can also mail the books to you. There is one copy of each book for each team. The books must be returned in good condition on the day of the battle.
- **What happens if the books get damaged?**  
Please keep in mind that your team will be held responsible for the condition of the books. Any damaged books (water stains, torn pages, writing marks, highlighted) will require replacement.
- **What about the T-shirts?**  
We also offer T-shirts that the students can keep. It is important that you let us know the sizes of each student.

- **What are the prizes?**

**1st place:** A 50-euro gift certificate for “Schmitt & Hahn” for each team member

**2nd place:** A 25-euro gift certificate for “Schmitt & Hahn” for each team member

**3rd place:** A 15-euro gift certificate for “Schmitt & Hahn” for each team member

## Meetings

- **Where do these meetings before the Battle take place?**

Participating teams will meet with a native English speaker at the DAI Library. The genre, themes and writing style of each book will be discussed— particularly historical background or relation to American culture. They will also talk about the schedule and organization of the battle. These meetings will take place after summer break (Monday, September 14, 2026) until the start of fall break (Friday, October 23, 2026).

## Organization

- **How does communication work?**

Each team must have one teacher representative who will lead the team and is responsible for communication with the DAI.

- **Will travel costs to Heidelberg for the Battle be covered?**

The DAI will not reimburse any transportation or accommodation costs.

- **What happens if our team arrives late to the Battle?**

We will not be able to wait for any teams that arrive at the venue late.

- **How are photos and videos handled?**

Along with the registration form, the teacher must also submit the completed consent form for the use of photos and videos taken of their students during the Battle and meetings. They may appear on the DAI’s social media and website.

**If you have any further questions, please contact**

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