What is Clash of the Covers?

This is a friendly competition similar to Battle of the Books. During competition, the teams will be try to answer as many questions about each book as possible. The more correct answers the more points each team earns. There will be different rounds: The Lightning Round will use buzzers and the faster team to buzz in with a correct answer will earn the points; The All Play Round allows teams to quickly confer and write answers on a white board or response sheet. All teams can earn points during this round. The questions will require different kinds of answers. Some will require the title and author while others will ask for details about the book related to the literary elements of plot, character and setting.

Do I have to read every book on the list?

No. It might be a good idea split up the reading assignments with your team members. Teams consist of three to five players spanning grades 6, 7, and 8. We will also have a teacher team competing!

I’ve heard of Battle of the Books. Why does this book list seem different than theirs?

Clash of Covers is not officially connected to Battle of the Books so we have our own list. The titles chosen come from the Maryland Black Eyed Susan Nominees past and present as well as a few others thrown in.

When is the competition?

Ideally, to give you plenty of time to read, we will compete in April during National Library Week. We will be competing against other BCPS middle schools!

Where can I get these books?

All of the books are available in the Hereford Middle School library. You should also check the public library.

More questions? Ask Mr. Thomas at tthomas@bcps.org