

Battle of the Books 2010/2011
6th, 7th & 8th Grade

Title and Author	Book Level	Number of Pages	AR Points	Summary
A Solitary Blue by Cynthia Voight	5.3	259	11	Jeff's mother, who had deserted the family while he was still very young, returns and drives the wedge even deeper that had developed between him and his father.
Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko	3.5	228	7	A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
Black Star, Bright Dawn by Scott O'Dell	4.3	134	4	A thrilling story of a teenage girl's first running in the Iditarod—the challenging long distance dog sled race held every year in Alaska.
The Boggart by Susan Cooper	6.1	196	8	After visiting her family's castle in Scotland and returning home to Canada, twelve-year-old Emily finds that she has accidentally brought back a boggart, an invisible and mischievous spirit with a fondness for practical jokes.
Breaking Through by Francisco Jimenez	5.3	195	7	Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.
Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson	4.6	163	5	The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer, who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.
Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver	4.5	295	8	6,000 years ago, twelve-year-old Torak and his guide, a wolf cub, set out on a dangerous journey to fulfill an oath the boy made to his dying father. They will travel to the Mountain of the World Spirit seeking a way to destroy a demon-possessed bear.
Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen	4.6	170	6	Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage, until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi occupied Poland.
Dragonwing by Laurence Yep	5.3	248	10	This is the story of Moon Shadow and his father Windrider, a Chinese immigrant who makes a flying machine in 1909.
Face on the Milk Carton by Caroline Cooney	4.8	184	6	A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.

Firegirl by Tony Abbott	4.1	145	4	A middle school boy's life is changed when Jessica, a girl disfigured by burns, starts attending his Catholic school while receiving treatment at a local hospital.
Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen	4.1	212	8	In alternating chapters, two teenagers describe their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families.
Gentle Ben by Walt Morey	4.8	192	8	A story of danger and excitement as young Mark Andersen struggles to save his friend, Ben, the big brown bear.
Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer	5.1	192	6	When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways Diner, they become involved in the political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.
House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer	5.1	380	15	In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 140-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata	4.7	256	7	This book chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.
Letters from Wolfie by Pattie Sherlock	4.6	228	8	Thirteen-year-old Mark donates his dog, Wolfie, to the Army's scout program in Vietnam.
Lincoln: A Photobiography by Russell Freedman	7.7	150	5	Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.
Missing May by Cynthia Rylant	5.3	89	3	After the death of the beloved aunt who has raised her, twelve-year-old Summer and her Uncle Ob leave their West Virginia trailer in search of the strength to go on living.
Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff	4.3	148	5	When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.
Other Side of Dark by Joan Nixon	4.0	185	6	After a year in a coma, a girl is stalked by the man who shot her and murdered her mother.
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse	5.3	227	3.0	In a series of poems, fourteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm.
The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan	4.7	377	13	Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends

				set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.
Project Mulberry by Linda Sue Park	4.3	225	6	While working on a project for an after-school club, Julia, a Korean American girl, and her friend Patrick learn not just about silkworms but also about tolerance, prejudice, friendship, patience, and more.
Silent to the Bone by EL Kongisburg	5.4	261	7	When he is wrongly accused of gravely injuring his baby half sister, Branwell loses his power of speech and only his friend, Connor, is able to reach him and uncover the truth about what really happened.
Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli	4.2	186	6	In this story about perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.
The River by Gary Paulsen	5.5	160	4	Because of his success surviving alone in the wilderness for 54 days, fifteen-year-old Brian, profoundly changed by his time in the wild, is asked to undergo a similar experience to help scientists learn more about the psychology of survival.
The Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler	3.8	209	6	When twelve-year-old Emily is finally allowed to take swimming lessons, she discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself.
The Teacher's Funeral by Richard Peck	4.7	190	6	In rural Indiana, in 1904, fifteen-year-old Russell's dreams of quitting school and joining a wheat-threshing crew are disrupted when his older sister takes over the teaching of his one-room schoolhouse after mean old Myrt Arbuckle "hauls off and dies."
There's a Bat in Bunk Five by Paula Danziger	3.8	150	4	On her own for the first time and coming of age, fourteen-year-old Marcy tries to cope with the new people and situations she encounters while working as a counselor at an arts camp.