



September 2025

Fourth and Fifth Graders,

Do you love to read? Do you love to compete? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then you will be perfect for 2025-2026 Gatesville's Elementary Battle of the Books team. *Battle of the Books* is a voluntary reading incentive program for students sponsored by the NC School Library Media Association. The program encourages students to read and discuss quality literature and have fun while competing with peers.

In order to prepare for the competition, possible team members will need to commit to

1. **reading at least 8** of the 16 books listed on the attached sheet **and making 80% or better on the AR quiz** by the end of January 2026. (If you can read more books, great! The more of the books you read, the better you will be able to help the team in the competition.)
2. **passing a title/author quiz with an 80% or better** - Quiz will be given at the end of November.

We have copies of the books at the Gatesville Elementary library. Many are also available through the Albemarle Regional Library System (aka Mrs. Pat's library). If you have apps like Audible, you can also listen to the books.

There is a local competition with TS Cooper and Buckland Elementary in early March and a Regional Competition in late March/early April. The official GES team will be chosen at the end of January. Per the North Carolina Elementary Battle of the Books rules, we are only allowed to have 12 members on our team. The students will be chosen based on the number of books read and their scores on the AR quizzes. Their score on the title/author quiz will also be used. The twelve Gatesville team members will be notified and will then meet with me beginning in February so we can practice. Students and parents will be given the official Gates County EBOB competition date and time as soon as possible so that parents can attend if they would like to do so.

Please discuss with your parents/guardians whether you would like to participate on our EBOB team, as well as the commitments involved. Sign and return the slip at the bottom of this paper. This will let me know you are interested and I can help keep you on track for reading the books or taking the quizzes.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Happy Reading!

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Student Name: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

I have read and discussed the requirements for the 2025-2026 GES EBOB team with my parents/guardians. I am interested in reading the books and understand I need to read at least 8 books on the list, pass the AR quizzes with at least 80% and learn the titles/authors.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature