

Name that Book Team FAQs

What is Name that Book Team?

HISD 's Department of Library Services sponsors the annual "Name that Book" Contest for 4 different levels: K-2, 3-6, Middle School and High School. School teams compete to "name that book" from the NTB Reading List. The announcer reads a quote or interpretative statement (or shows the kids a visual "physical" clue) that comes from one of the 30-35 books. The team members confer for 45-60 seconds, and when the time is up, all team captains stand and show their team answer.

Where can I find the NTB Reading Lists?

Each year, HISD Library Services creates a Name that Book Team Reading List for each of the 4 levels. You can find copies of the NTB Reading Lists for K-2 and 3-5 in online at http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/Name_that_book_menu.htm and at the Mark Twain Library.

A majority of the titles selected are new and are chosen from the state reading lists created by the Texas Library Association. Mr. Deering expects that the library has or will receive copies of all the books in the coming month. However, due to budget constraints this year, he is not able to purchase multiple copies of each of the Name that book books. If you would be interested in donating one or more books to the Twain library, you can purchase them through this link: http://www.amazon.com/wishlist/3TTKJPW964M2Y/ref=cm_wl_rlist_go Books purchased through this Amazon wish list are shipped directly to Twain. These books are also readily available through Houston Public Library branches and at local bookstores.

My child is interested in the Name that Book Team – what do we do now?

Mark Twain sponsors a K-2 Team, and a 3-5 Team. Students should begin reading the books from the appropriate NTB List. Mr. Deering plans to hold a meeting for all interested students in late November, and at that time, he will give a date for team testing or try-outs. Watch the Twain Times for further information about the November meeting(s)!

What should I tell my child to expect when he/she tests for the Name that Book Team?

3rd-5th Grade: Students will take a test of 35 questions (one from each book). The students will hear a sentence or short paragraph read aloud and must write down the title of their answer. They will have about 45 seconds per question (same as in competition). They will have a list of titles to use when taking the test. This test will consist of 100% direct quotes from the books.

K – 2nd Grade: Students will take a test of 30 questions (one from each book). The students will hear a sentence or short paragraph read aloud. They will have sheets of paper labeled A – Z and then AA-DD (for 30 total). Next to the "A" will be a small picture of the book cover and the title of the first book on the K-2 Reading List. If your child believes the question they just heard comes from the 3rd book on the list, they would write down the letter "C." This testing procedure will be discussed in more detail at the informational meeting in November, but please note that children will need to be able to read or recognize the book titles in order to complete the test. You can also contact Mr. Deering if you have additional questions. This test will consist of mostly direct quotes from books, although picture books may generate a more interpretative statement type question.

How many students are selected for the Name that Book Team?

We may bring 6 team members and 1 alternate to the competition.

If my child makes the Name that Book Team, what will he/she be required to do?

Teams will practice at least once per week after school. In years past, the team practices from 3:00 – 4:00. Students who participate in Extended Day can go directly from the team practice into their Extended Day activities.

Students should be prepared to continue to re-read the books throughout the year until the competition. Each team member will be asked to be the Team “Expert” on 5-6 titles, and they will need to re-read those books many times over.

Parents of students chosen to participate on the team are encouraged to attend the practice sessions and/or help with snacks, reminders and other administrative tasks as they are able.

Team members (and alternates) will participate in the competition, as well as the Finals if the team is fortunate enough to win first place in the preliminary competition.

When is the Name that Book Team Competition?

The K-2 Teams will compete during the week of February 27 – March 2nd. The 3rd-5th Teams will compete during the week of April 5 -13th. The locale will be announced.

During the week of competition, approximately 6-10 teams will compete at 9:30 a.m., and another 6-10 teams will compete at 12:30 pm. On the final day of competition, all teams that won first-place in the earlier rounds will compete in a Finals Round. Mark Twain teams will be assigned a date/time at a later time.

If I have other questions, what should I do?

You can find additional information (as well as an online version of the NTB Reading Lists) on the HISD Library Services website:

http://www.hisdlibraryservices.org/Name_that_book_menu.htm

You can also feel free to contact Mr. Deering, Penny Linsenmayer (Parent Sponsor for the 3rd-5th Grade Team (pennylin@swbell.net)) or Tonya Crombie (Parent Sponsor for the K- 2nd Team (tonyacrombie@comcast.net)).

You can also follow Mr. Deering’s School Notes page for further information during the year:

<http://new.schoolnotes.com/xpages/view/172364/2>