

## **Practice Questions for 2023-2024 Elementary Battle of the Books**

### **Almost Super by Marion Jensen**

1. In which book did characters shake their fists when somebody said the name “Johnson”? p. 12
2. In which book did a character start fires when she burped? P. 4
3. In which book were characters amazed to see a warehouse filled with cars, motorcycles, Jeeps, Jet Skis, boats, helicopters, a plane, and a tank? P. 160
4. In which book did characters all get the same text on their phones at the same time? P. 173
5. In which book did a character check to see if he could shoot a marble out of his belly button? P. 27

### **Born Behind Bars by Padma Venkatraman**

1. In which book did a boy throw a hot cup of coffee in a character’s face and then run away? P. 75
2. In which book did characters take a train to Bengaluru to look for grandparents? P. 146
3. In which book did a character have a parrot riding on her shoulder? P. 80
4. In which book did a character throw up after he realized he ate stew made with squirrel meat? P. 102
5. In which book did a character feel free to sing as loud as he wanted, to open the windows of his bedroom, to turn on the ceiling fan, to take a nap in the afternoon, and to add as many ice cubes as he wanted to his drink? P. 214

### **Choosing Brave by Angela Joy**

1. In which book did a character move from Mississippi in search of a better life with less fear and more freedom?
2. In which book did a photograph light a match to the Civil Rights Movement?
3. In which book was a character the first African American to graduate at the top of her class?
4. In which book did a character go to a murder trial in Sumner, Mississippi?
5. In which book did a father press a Buffalo nickel into the palm of a character’s hand and walk away, never to come back?

### **Distress Signal by Mary Lambert**

1. In which book did characters climb a tree to avoid a flash flood? (chp. 7)
2. In which book did a character discover an envelope of cash from school fundraisers in a boy's backpack? (chp. 24)
3. In which book did two characters gather twigs, pine needles, and fallen sticks while two others skinned a prickly pear cactus? (chp. 19)
4. In which book did a character get mad because a girl was using drinking water to clean her shoes and her blister? (chp. 12)
5. In which book did a character step forward to lead the school choir after their teacher got sick? (chp. 1)

### **Falling Short by Ernesto Cisneros**

1. In which book did a character like to categorize kids as aggressives, semi-aggressives, and community fish? P. 23
2. In which book did a character get the nickname "Mugs" after the NBA player Muggsy Bogues? P. 76
3. In which book did a character use a chess board and pieces to teach another student the different positions in basketball? P. 232
4. In which book did a character say, "Didn't you hear? Tryouts were moved up a week, so coaches have more time to prepare their teams for the tournament."? P. 197
5. In which book did a character have to wait a long time for his father to pick him up from school after he got sick? P. 68

### **Flipping Forward, Twisting Backward by Alma Fullerton**

1. In which book did a character think her dad was too busy with his new fun farming family to spend time with her anymore? P. 23
2. In which book did characters practice spelling words when they were jogging? P. 92
3. In which book do letters seem to do cartwheels on the page when a character tries to read? P. 26
4. In which book did a character Google names of people with learning disabilities? P. 118
5. In which book did someone put worms in a character's sandwich? P. 44

### **The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera**

1. In which book did a character have a fairy hunt in a desert forest? P. 105
2. In which book did a character eat a square of Bioloaf? P. 96
3. In which book did characters form a human chain to help them walk in a windstorm? P. 284
4. In which book did a character get a necklace from her grandmother with a pendant in the shape of a sun and the center made of obsidian? P. 2
5. In which book did characters see a swarm of drones each carrying a dispenser and bright green liquid flying toward them? P. 296

### **Lily and the Night Creatures by Nick Lake**

1. In which book was a character often ill, need to go the hospital, and would eventually require a transplant? P. 99
2. In which book did a character tell a girl to put a horseshoe somewhere safe saying, “Ready to hang it up again over the back doors, when this is over. They don’t like iron.”? P. 35
3. In which book did a character realize her father’s eyes were made of coal? P. 55
4. In which book did a character go into her house through the dog flap in the door? P. 49
5. In which book did a character think she really needed Willo, a stuffed whale, to sleep with at night? P. 9

### **Little Monarchs by Jonathan Case**

1. In which book did characters use wing scales from butterflies to make medicine? (chp. 6)
2. In which book did a character work on a paper explaining sun sickness? (chp. 2)
3. In which book did a character write down coordinates and compass headings in a journal everywhere they went? (chp. 1)
4. In which book did a character leave a note saying her walkie-talkie channel was 17? (chp. 10)
5. In which book was there a recipe for blackberry pie cooked in a dutch oven over a fire? (chp. 7)

### **Marie Curie by Nell Walker**

1. In which book did a character dance on top of her classroom desk with joy after hearing about the death of the czar? P. 12
2. In which book were characters awarded a joint Nobel prize for their research? P. 76
3. In which book did a character help to make hundreds of portable X-ray machines? P. 93
4. In which book did characters spend the summer after their wedding bicycling through France? P. 48
5. In which book did a character have a sister who died from typhus and a mother who died from tuberculosis, both in just two years? P. 17

### **Maizy Chen's Last Chance by Lisa Yee**

1. In which book did a character make fortunes to put in fortune cookies? P. 61
2. In which book did a character win awards for being the food stylist on commercials? P. 155
3. In which book did a character leave after being accused of stealing diamond earrings and a gold watch? P. 86
4. In which book did a character's grandfather teach her how to play poker? P. 41
5. In which book was a bear taken and a ransom note left in its place? P. 109

### **A Perfect Mistake by Melanie Conklin**

1. In which book did a character work with a therapist on ADHD coping skills? P. 24
2. In which book is the main character taller than all the other kids in his grade and taller than some of the teachers too? P. 3
3. In which book did a character build dessert display cases for a bakery? P. 47
4. In which book did a character get driving lessons from his uncle? P. 193
5. In which book did the police find a character's missing glasses in the water at the bottom of a pit? P. 183

### **A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus**

1. In which book did characters pack their things using an official packing list that included handkerchiefs, face cloth, toothbrush, and sturdy walking shoes? P. 18
2. In which book did townspeople not like a character because her husband was German? P. 188
3. In which book did a boy put a dead snake in a character's bed? P. 111
4. In which book did a character make up an assignment that included going to the library? P. 69
5. In which book did a character give a gardening presentation for the village? P. 114

### **Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac**

1. In which book did a character think her grandparents could walk so softly that she never knew they were there until they spoke? P. 3
2. In which book were characters worried about COVID-19? P. 35
3. In which book did characters grow rhubarb, asparagus, lettuce, radishes, corn, beans, squash, and potatoes in their garden? P. 152
4. In which book did a police officer come to a character's house after he received a complaint about a fierce dog hanging around? P. 142
5. In which book was a character always ready to eat her grandmother's frybread? P. 45

### **Santiago's Road Home by Alexandra Diaz**

1. In which book did a character have an imaginary best friend who was a unicorn? P. 67
2. In which book was a character taken to the hospital because of extreme heatstroke? P. 135
3. In which book did a character use a metallic blanket to keep warm in a freezing room each night? P. 153
4. In which book were characters given baby food to eat? P. 131
5. In which book did a character work on writing an autobiography to help him get into a foster home? P. 221

### **Shelter by Christie Matheson**

1. In which book was a character's father hit by a car while he was riding his bicycle? P. 27
2. In which book did characters design solar ovens in science class? P. 73
3. In which book did a character's mother have a job interview to be an art teacher? P. 4
4. In which book did a character's sister have a lot of food allergies? P. 98
5. In which book did characters celebrate "golden birthdays", when the age you're turning matches the day of the month? P. 56

### **Sisters of the Neversea by Cynthia Leitich Smith**

1. In which book did a fairy find a character's missing stuffed animal named Nana Bear? (chp. 16)
2. In which book was a character brought to a place so she could be a storyteller, and tell bedtime stories to others? (chp. 18)
3. In which book did a character wake up to find three long blue ribbons and a pair of navy tennis shoes at the bottom of her bed? (chp. 25)
4. In which book did characters come home with a tiger cub whose mother was dead? (chp. 21)
5. In which book did characters constantly shout, "Never grow up! Never grow up!" before bed? (chp 23)

### **Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster by Jonathan Auxier**

1. In which book did characters stay in the House of One Hundred Chimneys, dusting and scrubbing every inch? (A Room for Everything)
2. In which book did a character ask a Jewish woman about golems? (Miss Bloom)
3. In which book did characters go out on Bonfire Night to see fireworks? (Bonfire Night)
4. In which book did a character learn to build words using wooden blocks? (Learning to Read)
5. In which book did a character sometimes make story soup out of trash found on the streets? (Story Soup)

**Temple Alley Summer by Sachiko Kashiwaba**

1. In which book did a character look for a pearl in a lake? P. 132
2. In which book did an older woman steal a statuette from a character's home?
3. In which book did a character tell a boy about zombies – some are obvious, and other zombies look like regular people? P. 33
4. In which book did a character talk to a girl's mother, even though she was invisible to him? P. 86
5. In which book did a character look through old issues of Daisy magazine? P. 104

**The Wind Called My Name by Mary Louise Sanchez**

1. In which book did a character break a lantern in a store? P. 29
2. In which book did characters have beets, potatoes, carrots, cabbages, beans, and pork in their cellar? P. 155
3. In which book did characters sell the tortillas they made, charging five cents for a dozen tortillas? P. 102
4. In which book did characters recite the poem "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" at their school Christmas program? P. 236
5. In which book did a character start one fire outside a store and another one outside an old military barracks building? P.214