Ideas for Book Battle Teams

Choosing the Team	Create a Google form with a question from each book as well as some questions about why students want to be on the team.	Example here: https://forms.gle/KDDwp99A952iFYHQ8
Team Practice	May happen during the school day or after school. 1-2 times a week is usually sufficient.	
Covering the Books	 Encourage students to keep notes in a journal and to give book talks to the team after they finish one. Students can also write their own questions for the books for team practice- things to notice include chapter titles, character names, settings, interesting quotes, strange/unique facts. 	
Practices	 Play a matching game with the title, author, and main characters/settings. Give teams copies of the book covers. Ask them practice questions and allow them to use the book covers to answer. Read aloud quotes from each book and have students guess the book and discuss the quote/book. Print the book covers. Give one to each student or place at desks around the room. Each student has 1 minute to write as many details as they can about the book. After a minute, rotate and try to come up with new details each time. Print a picture from the book with characters in it. Add some thought/dialogue bubbles. Let students fill in things the characters would think or say in situations. Play Trashketball- ask questions, students write answers on paper, correct answers get to "shoot" the paper into the trashcan for extra points. 	ImageAutorMak CharacterDate of WarShela KeenenBushaCounting by 25Hody StassWithow CharacterWate LipAutor MessaieOuter FreeceStatoD.3. MacHaleUuter FreeceStatoW.C. MackOwen and Busel EvansStatoMile LipicaAlexanderMattilderMile LipicaMessengerCaudia MileState KeenenDeborah BabinsonDate CulterDeborah BabinsonDate CulterDeborah BabinsonCaudia MileAndrew Bean Captain Edwar Sont SmithCaudia MileDeborah BabinsonCaudia MileAndrew Bean Captain Edwar Sont SmithCaudia MileDeborah BabinsonCaudia MileAndrew Bean Captain Edwar Sont SmithCaudia MileDeborah BabinsonCaudia MileDeborah BabinsonCaudia MileAndrew Bean Captain Edwar Sont SmithCaudia MileAnderson BabinsonCaudia MileAndrew Bean Captain Edwar Captain Edwar

Preparing for the Battle	 Ask students to write their answers down like they will in the book battle. White boards seem to make this more fun ^(c) Make sure students spell the titles completely and correctly. Review the battle structure and rules with the students. Practice whispering and listening to questions the first time and making notes so they can come back to answer the question later without needing multiple repetitions of the question. Discuss etiquette and good sportsmanship. 	
Team Spirit	Create a team name. Make t-shirts with a favorite quote or phrase from one of the books.	
	Do something else to promote school/team unity for the battle.	