



Bound To Stay Bound Books, Inc. Treasure Hunt Guidelines



This is an annual event that is meant to familiarize fourth graders with their school library and to give them some practice doing research in the library. And have some fun! It was originally designed to be used with all fourth grade classes in a school district, but can be modified to work in an individual school.

Assign a Treasure Hunt Coordinator to keep track of team scores and announce winning teams and prizes. Teachers assign students to four person teams. Each team chooses a “team name”. The Treasure Hunt lasts for three weeks. Each week a 45 minute time frame is set aside in the library for each team. A list of 25 questions is given to each team during their designated time for the library. At the end of the 45 minute frame, the questions are returned to the Treasure Hunt Coordinator and scores are totaled. Once the three week period is complete, the final scores are posted and prizes are awarded to winning teams. Prizes are determined by each school or the Treasure Hunt Coordinator.

Divide classes into teams with four members on each team. To make the Hunt as fair as possible, balance your teams between overachievers and underachievers, not putting all your “stars” on one team.

Work with the Media Specialist so you can assign times each week for each team to work in the library.

Included in this information is a set of questions for all three weeks. These questions were specifically put together for schools in Jacksonville, Illinois. You will most likely want to make some modifications to fit your state or curriculum.

Once the three weeks are completed and all team scores have been determined, award ceremonies are held to distribute prizes. There can be several levels of prizes to award. If the Treasure Hunt is including all schools within a district, there can be a winning school, winning teams, etc. If held at an individual school, you can have winning classrooms, teams, etc.