

Ketchikan Charter School Battle of the Books team was made up of : Sten Widness (spokesperson/speaker), Viola Cabansag (writer), Elliott Lee (thinker), and Hunter Hewitt (alternate). This is Sten's, Viola's, and Elliott's second year doing Battle of the Books, while this was Hunter's first year. After winning the district battle, the students continued to read and re-read the 12 battle books to prepare for the state battle. There were 33 teams in the state competition and KCS's team earned a 3rd-place finish! One of the highlights was that they didn't select the correct book for one of the questions, but the team felt confident in their answer and challenged the incorrect call. They were given 2 minutes to find the evidence in their book and give an oral defense. They successfully challenged the call, and earned full points on the question! The students spent all day in competition, with only short breaks. They began at 9:00am and finished at about 3:00pm. The students swapped jobs when needed and Hunter subbed in during the finals to give one of the other team members a break. Everyone worked hard, worked well together, and remained a dedicated team the entire time. Way to go Ketchikan Charter School Battle of the Books team!

