



## **Attention: School Librarian or Language Arts Department Head**

Welcome to the 2019 heats of the US International Kids' Lit Quiz™. This is a literary quiz which has been running for 28 years. It is open to students ages 10 to 13, provided that students must be under 14 years (as of July 1, 2019) to participate.

The Kids' Lit Quiz™ encourages students to read widely for pleasure across genres and authors whether that be books, or electronic devices. Anecdotal evidence does suggest however that students actually prefer physical books. According to the Book Council (NZ) research this was because students have so much screen time with other things, that it was nice to have a break (p14). *Report on qualitative research into reader attitudes and behaviours*. Book Council 2016

Because we understand that selecting a team can take time, a pre-test is made available that may assist you in your school's selection. The pre-test is intended to be given to a team rather than an individual. All you really need, however, are a group of four students who read widely. The team then works collaboratively during the quiz to answer 100 questions in ten categories. The categories are diverse in order to cater for all reading tastes. Book prizes are awarded and there are prizes for the winning team. The event lasts for three hours, with a twenty-minute break at the halfway point.

The Kids' Lit Quiz™ competition is designed to be huge fun, with an element of competition, personal challenge and reward that is seldom available to children whose passion is reading. Just taking part in one of the regional heats provides important experiences that many children may not otherwise have. The quiz is held in eleven countries on five continents.

This coming year the World Final of the quiz will be held in Singapore. Students will visit the renowned Singapore Zoo, the Asian Civilisation Museum, and the spectacular Gardens by the Bay as well as experiencing a Duck tour. We would like to offer this year's winning team from the United States an invitation to attend the World Final this coming Monday, July 8 to Monday, July 15.

We look forward to receiving your entry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Kids' Lit Quiz US Inc. at [admin@kidslitquiz.us](mailto:admin@kidslitquiz.us).

Further information about the quiz is available on The Kids' Lit Quiz website: [www.kidslitquiz.com](http://www.kidslitquiz.com).

Warmly,

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