

History



Several years ago Mrs. Helen Ruffin, a very dynamic and innovative person was the library media specialist at Sky Haven Elementary School in DeKalb County, Georgia. In 1985, she served on the selection committee for the Georgia Children's Book Award nominee program. This literature program began in the Department of Language Education at the University of Georgia's College of Education. This literature program inspired her to use the nominee books to encourage her students to read.

Mrs. Ruffin created a unique reading competition in game format using the award nominees. It was called the Reading Bowl. Her vision was to have teams comprised of students from different schools compete to test their knowledge of the selected books. She shared this vision with her colleagues. They embraced her idea and pressed forward.

Today, the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is open to students in grades four through twelve across the state. The Georgia Peach Teen Book Award was created by public librarians and school librarians in 2003 to accommodate high school students who wished to compete in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl.

Registration is online at <http://www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb/georgia.html>. The regional competitions take place on a Saturday in the spring. The final state competition is held at the annual Georgia Children's Literature Conference in Athens, Georgia. Join the fun! Read!

For further information, visit our website at: www.dekalb.k12.ga.us/hrrb

Benefits of the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

Students will:

- Increase standardized test scores
- Improve academic achievement
- Increase reading comprehension
- Develop an appreciation for literature
- Enhance verbal communication skills
- Promote cooperation
- Build self-esteem
- Develop team spirit

*"Students who read become adults who lead."
Helen Ruffin*

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*Will your school be represented at
the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl?*

2004-2005 State Winners
Elementary Division-
Henderson Mill-DeKalb County
Middle School Division-
Camden County Middle School-
Camden County
High school Division-
Pickens County High School

Reading Bowl Format

1. Each school will participate in six rounds.
2. Each round will consist of 10 questions.
3. Alternates may be substituted between rounds
4. Teams will receive 10 points for each answer.
5. There will be no penalties for wrong answers.
6. There will be five members on a team and up to five alternates.
7. A school may have no more than one team.

2005-2006 Schedule of Events

- ✓ **Registration online deadline**
January 20, 2006

Regional Competitions

[10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006
Carrollton High School
Carrollton, Georgia

Sponsored by University of West Georgia

[10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2006
Valdosta State University
Valdosta, Georgia 31698

State Championship Finals

[**Children's Literature Conference**
April 22, 2005
Athens, Georgia 30602
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The

Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl



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