

## The 2022-2023 Who Was? History Bee Rules

### OFFICIAL RULES IMPORTANT:

Please read these Official Rules before entering the 2022-2023 Who Was? History Bee (the “Bee”), presented and sponsored by Penguin Young Readers Group, a division of Penguin Random House LLC (“Sponsor”). By entering the Bee, you agree to the terms of these Official Rules. These Official Rules shall govern in the event of any inconsistency with other Bee-related materials.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN.

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Bee is open to students of the fifty (50) United States and the District of Columbia, who are in grades 3-5 at time of the Bee Final Celebration (May 2023). All federal, state, and local regulations apply. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED. Employees of Sponsor, its parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, suppliers, and agencies, and their immediate family members and persons living in their household are not eligible to enter the Bee.

**ENTRY PERIOD:** School and Library sign-ups for the Bee begin at 8:00 AM Eastern Time on August 1, 2022, and end at 11:59 PM Eastern Time on December 23, 2022.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** School and Library staff can sign-up their classes/schools/libraries on the Bee website at [www.WhoWasHistoryBee.com](http://www.WhoWasHistoryBee.com). The school or library must teach or engage with students in one or more of the eligible grade levels--3rd, 4th, and/or 5th grade.

The entry form must include the following information: name of the school or library staff contact and their role, email address and phone number of staff, back up email address, address, and geographic region, and an estimated number of participating students. The school or library staff member confirms that they are a paid employee of the school or library and that they will oversee the school/library-level Bees and the Proctored Written Exam for the school/library - level finalist.

All entries become the property of Sponsor and will not be returned. If for any reason the Bee is not capable of being conducted as described in these Official Rules, Sponsor shall have the right to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Bee.

**PRIVACY POLICY:** All information submitted in connection with entry to this Bee shall be governed by the Penguin Random House Privacy Policy, which can be found at <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/privacy/>. By entering this Bee, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to this privacy policy.

**JUDGING:** Schools and Libraries may begin signing up for the Bee on August 1, 2022 at 8AM EST. On or about August 1, 2022 Bees will commence.

Round #1: Classroom Bees: This level of the Bee consists of multiple-choice and open-ended oral exam questions, in rounds. The winner is the student who answers the most questions correctly. A teacher/librarian or other school/library staff member must oversee this round of the Bee, and sign an affidavit certifying that they have followed all rules and regulations set forth.

Round #2: School/Library-level Bee: The top winners from each classroom/group compete to win the title of school/library champion. This level of the Bee also consists of oral exam questions. If only one classroom has participated, the winner from that classroom/group is automatically moves on to the Proctored Exam, detailed below. A teacher/librarian or other school/library staff member must oversee this round of the Bee, and sign an affidavit certifying that they have followed all rules and regulations set forth. Once winners have been selected, a teacher/librarian or other school/library staff must submit the Round #2 winners name along with an estimated tally of how many students, in total, participated across their School/Library Bee competition.

Round #3: Proctored Exam: The school/library champion takes a written proctored exam. This exam will determine the four regional finalists (one finalist from each geographic region) (the “Finalists” or “Champions”). The proctored exam consists of 80% multiple choice/open-ended questions and 20% short essay. The short essay portion of the exam will account for 25% of the overall score. Essays will be judged by a volunteer panel of professional authors, publishing professionals, and teachers who will consider the following criteria:

1. The overall creativity and originality of the theme.
2. The effectiveness in how the student communicates their ideas.
3. Factual correctness.

A teacher/librarian or other school/library staff member must oversee this round of the Bee, and sign an affidavit certifying that they have followed all rules and regulations set forth. The teacher/librarian/staff member must also agree to send (via email or mail) the results of the Bee within seven (7) business days of the Proctored Exam.

Roblox Celebration: The Four Regional Finalists will be honored in a Roblox Celebration in May 2023.

The Finalists will be notified by April 21, 2023. Finalists’ parent, legal guardian or teacher will be notified via email or phone and must respond to notification within ten (10) days of receipt. Parents must also execute and return Affidavits of Eligibility and Release within ten (10) days of receipt.

Noncompliance with these conditions may result in forfeiture of the opportunity to participate in the Final Competition, and Sponsor reserves the right to select alternate Champions in such circumstance. If any Finalist notification of the opportunity to compete in the Final Competition is returned as undeliverable, Sponsor may, at its discretion, select an alternate Finalist.

FOUR CHAMPION PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN (“WINNERS”)

There will be one Finalist/Champion per geographic region (West, Midwest, South, Northeast).

Each Champion will receive a \$2,500 U.S. Savings Bond, a Who Was? Library set for themselves, and a Who Was? Library set for their classroom or library (ARV of each set \$100 each).

No transfer or cash or other substitution of all or part of a prize is permitted, except by Sponsor, which reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to substitute the prize or prize component with another of comparable or greater value. Any and all taxes on the prizes will be the responsibility of the Finalists. Sponsor shall not be responsible for any delays, damage in the delivery of the prize, and/or loss of any prize in connection with the delivery of the prize. In the event that there is an insufficient number of eligible participants, Sponsor reserves the right not to award the prizes.

DISCLAIMERS: By competing in this Bee and/or accepting the prize, entrants agree that Sponsor, and its respective parent companies, assigns, subsidiaries and affiliates, and advertising, promotion and fulfillment agencies and all of their respective employees, officers and directors will have no liability whatsoever, and will be held harmless by entrants for any liability for any injuries, losses, or damages of any kind to person and property resulting in whole or in part,

directly or indirectly, from the acceptance, possession, misuse, or use of the prizes, or participation in this Bee. By accepting a prize, the Finalists grant to Sponsor the right to edit, adapt, publish, copy, display and otherwise use their entries in connection with this Bee, and to further use their names, likenesses, and biographical information in advertising and promotional materials, without further compensation or permission, except where prohibited by law. Any dispute arising from this Bee will be determined according to the laws of the State of New York, without reference to its conflict of law principles, and by entering the entrants consent to the personal jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in New York County and agree that such courts have exclusive jurisdiction over all such disputes.

WINNERS LIST: For a list of the winners, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope by October 21, 2023 to The Who Was? History Bee, Penguin Young Readers Group, Attention: The Who Was? History Bee, 1745 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.

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