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# MARCH BOOK MADNESS

16- AND 8-BOOK BRACKETS + VOTE SLIPS

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# Start Here

**March Book Madness: a book tournament you type into**

Start here  type in the books  vote  crown a champion

## What's inside

- **Two editable brackets**: 16 books (6-7) and 8 books (8-9), each in color and in an ink-saver version. Every box types in: 31 boxes on the 16-book bracket, 15 on the 8-book bracket.
- **A filled sample bracket** (page 10) and **a worked example** (page 11): an invented class of 22, all 15 matchups.
- **Student pages**: vote slips (8 to a page, page 12), vote slips with a reason (6 to a page, page 13), a book review card (page 14) and sentence starters (page 20)
- **Teacher pages**: setup and a round-by-round plan (page 4), a list of your books (page 5), tally sheets for 16 and 8 books (pages 15 and 16), a results page (page 22), a note home (page 21)
- **Board and awards**: 8 round labels to cut out (page 17), a champion-book certificate and a Super Voter certificate (pages 18 and 19)

## Which bracket?

| Bracket | Pages | Matchups | Rounds |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16 books | 6-7 | 15 | 4 |
| 8 books | 8-9 | 7 | 3 |

## Three steps

1. Pick your books. Type them on the book list (page 5), then into the numbered boxes of a bracket. Books 1 and 2 face each other, 3 and 4, and so on.
2. Vote. Print the vote slips, type the two books of a matchup on a slip, and hand them out. The book with more votes goes in the next box.
3. Crown the champion. Print the certificates, cut out the round labels, and send the note home (page 21).

## Ways to use it

- **Whole class**: hang the bracket where everyone can see it and vote as a group
- **Small group or reading buddies**: a pair of students votes on one matchup together and fills in the slip
- **Library, tutoring or home**: the 8-book bracket is a short tournament that fits a week

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# Teacher Setup

**Six steps and a round-by-round plan**

## Set up in six steps

1. **Choose the books.** Pick 16 (or 8) that your students can all read or hear read aloud. Use picture books, chapter-book read-alouds, or both.
2. **Type the list** on page 5, then type the titles into the numbered boxes of the bracket (pages 6 to 9).
3. **Read.** Give the class time to read or hear each book before its matchup.
4. **Vote.** Print vote slips (page 12, or page 13 when students tell why). Each student marks one book in each matchup.
5. **Count.** Write the votes on a tally sheet (page 15 or 16). The book with more votes moves on. For a tie, vote again or let the class pick a tiebreaker.
6. **Post and celebrate.** Type the winner in the next box, hang the round label (page 17), and hand out the certificates.

## A round-by-round plan

Type your own dates. One round a day or one round a week both work.

16-book bracket

| Round | Matchups | Vote on | Winners posted |
|---|---|---|---|
| Round of 16 | 8 | | |
| Quarterfinals | 4 | | |
| Semifinals | 2 | | |
| Finals | 1 | | |

8-book bracket

| Round | Matchups | Vote on | Winners posted |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quarterfinals | 4 | | |
| Semifinals | 2 | | |
| Finals | 1 | | |

## Your own rules

Write what your school or class decides: who may vote, how long to read each book, who breaks a tie.

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# March Book Madness: 16 Books

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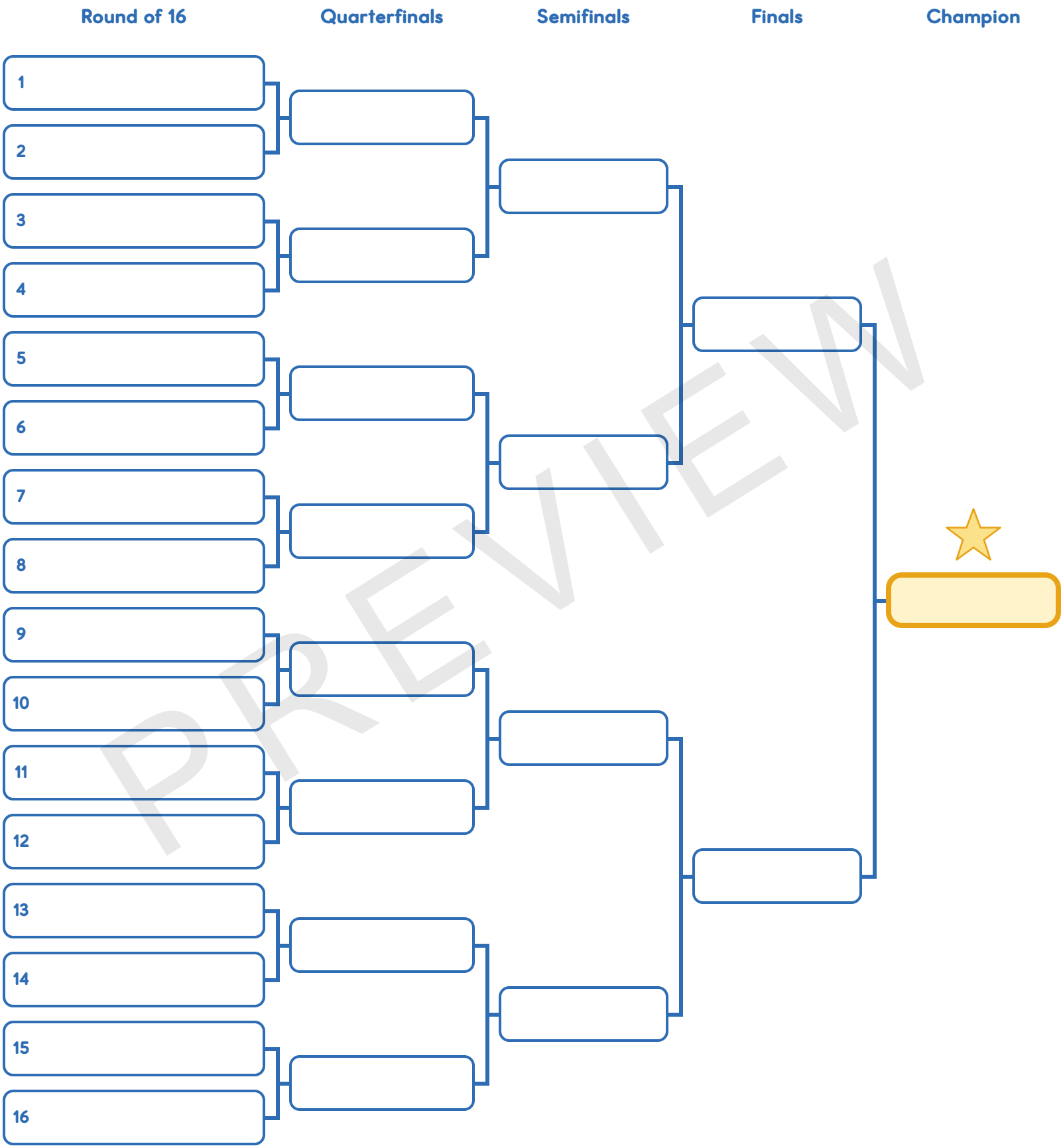
Type the book titles in the numbered boxes. Winners go in the next box.

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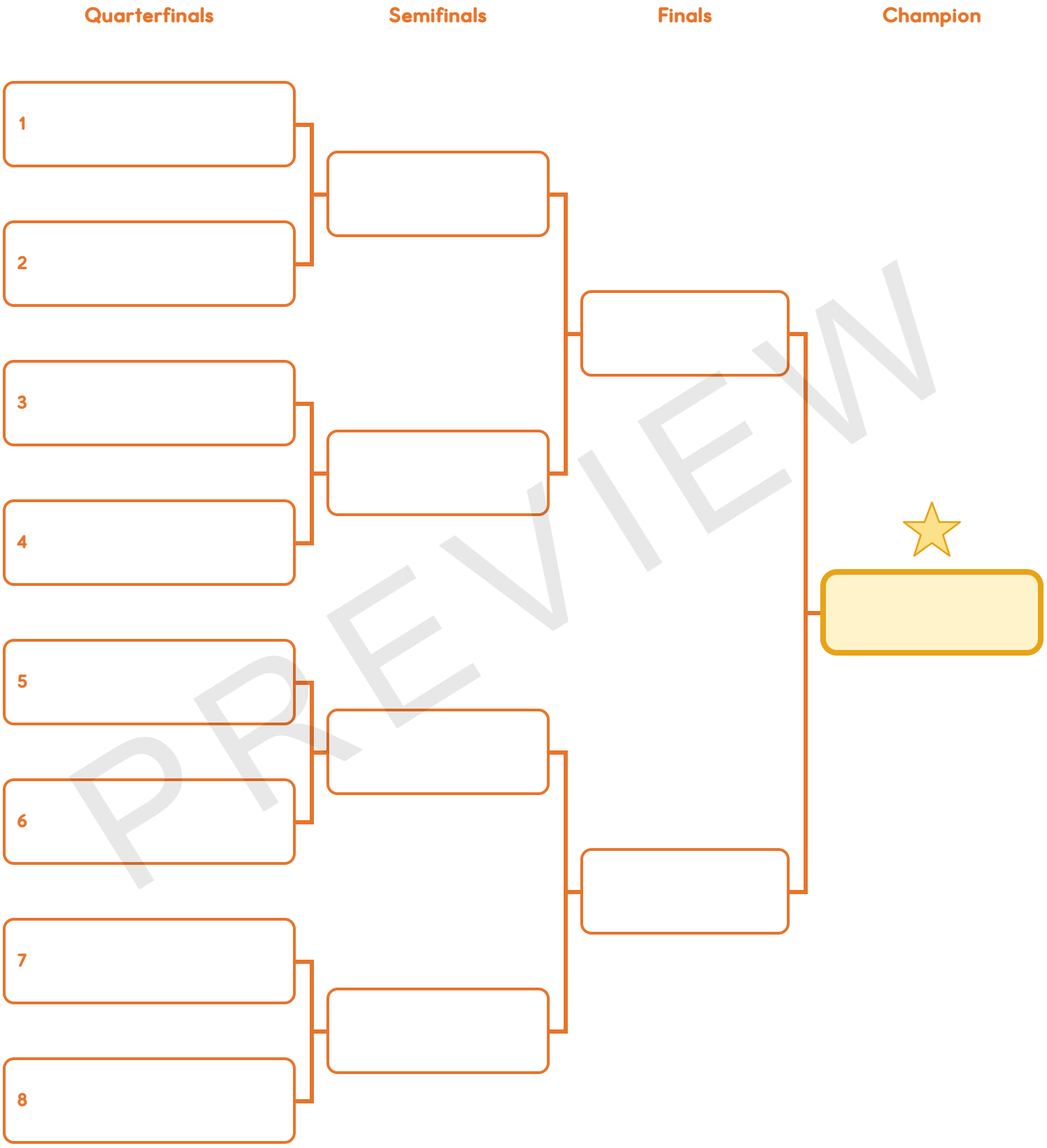
# March Book Madness: 8 Books

Type the book titles in the numbered boxes. Winners go in the next box.

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# March Book Madness: 16 Books

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A sample bracket. Invented titles, so you can see how it fills.

| Round of 16 | Quarterfinals | Semifinals | Finals | Champion |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 The Lost Mitten Mystery | The Lost Mitten Mystery | The Lost Mitten Mystery | The Lost Mitten Mystery | The Lost Mitten Mystery |
| 2 Moon Over Maple Street | | | | |
| 3 Gus and the Giant Pumpkin | Dino Dance Party | | | |
| 4 Dino Dance Party | | | | |
| 5 The Brave Little Bike | The Brave Little Bike | The Snow Day Mix-Up | | |
| 6 Penny's Pocket Garden | | | | |
| 7 Rocket Rhymes | The Snow Day Mix-Up | | | |
| 8 The Snow Day Mix-Up | | | | |
| 9 Captain Crumb | Captain Crumb | Captain Crumb | Zoe's Zigzag Day | |
| 10 Lily Learns to Whistle | | | | |
| 11 A Seed Named Sam | A Seed Named Sam | | | |
| 12 The Noisy Night | | | | |
| 13 Pirates of Puddle Pond | Ben Builds a Boat | Zoe's Zigzag Day | | |
| 14 Ben Builds a Boat | | | | |
| 15 Zoe's Zigzag Day | Zoe's Zigzag Day | | | |
| 16 The Cookie Contest | | | | |

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## Cut on the dashed lines.

My name _____

I vote for: Round _____

I picked it because

_____

_____

My name _____

I vote for: Round _____

I picked it because

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My name _____

I vote for: Round _____

I picked it because

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My name _____

I vote for: Round _____

I picked it because

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I vote for: Round _____

I picked it because

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My name _____

## Read the book. Tell what you think.

**Book** **Author**

**Draw your favorite part.**

**Color the stars. How much did you like it?**



**I like this book because**

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# Class Tally: 8 Books

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**7 matchups: write each book, its votes and the winner**

| No. | Book A | Votes | Book B | Votes | Winner |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Quarterfinals** | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | |
| **Semifinals** | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | |
| **Finals** | | | | | |
| 1 | | | | | |

**Class** **Voters**

## Notes

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# Book Champion

**Our class read and voted. The winning book is**

book title

**by**

author



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My name _____

Use these words to tell why.

I vote for _____ because _____.

My favorite part was _____.

This book made me feel _____.

The pictures show _____.

The best character is _____ because _____.

I would tell a friend to read it because _____.

I changed my mind when _____.

Both books are good, but _____.

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# Tournament Results

**The roll-up: who won and what you noticed**

When the tournament is over, fill this in. It is the page to share with your team or your principal.

## The winners

**Champion book**

**Runner-up**

**Other two semifinalists**

## The numbers

**Matchups played**

**Students who voted**

**Closest matchup (books and votes)**

## What we noticed

Which books were a surprise? What did students say about the winner?

## Next time

Books to add, a change to the voting, or a new group to invite.

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