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MHS Defends State Title - Wins Finals
Annual Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
Reading Bowl Team Places 1st – March 5

MARIETTA, GA– For the second consecutive year, the [Marietta High School](#) (MHS) Reading Bowl team placed 1st at the Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl finals, held in conjunction with the Georgia Children's Literature Conference in Athens, Georgia on March 5, 2011. After winning at the District and Regional levels against teams from the north, metro, and west Georgia regions, MHS defended their state title against Division 2 - Warner Robins High School.

“Congratulations to all the team members for their hard work and to parent volunteer Rose Haisty, media specialist Laura Gary-Michel, and former media specialist and community sponsor Kristin Saxon for their commitment to the team throughout the year,” said Leigh Colburn, MHS principal.

Each year, High school teams read twenty books from the Georgia Peach Teen Readers Choice Award Nominees reading list and each team answers trivia questions from the books.

“[Marietta Reads!](#) literacy activities throughout the year also help our students prepare for this competition,” added Colburn.

The 2011 MHS Reading Bowl team members are:

- Samantha Haisty
- Caleb Negash
- Leigh Borkowski
- Bill Bruton
- Lillian Scott
- Kimaria Stokes
- Kalifa Martin
- Emily Franklin
- Samantha Amos
- Maggie Adams
- Elizabeth Biron
- Jessica Luegering
- Katie Harper