

How To Play Chess

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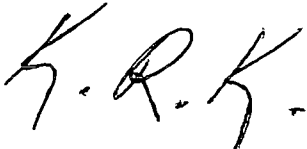
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CHESS BASICS

What is chess?

Some people say that chess is an art. Other people say chess is a science. And Bobby Fischer, great chess player, said “chess is life.” One thing we can all agree on is this: chess is fun!

What kind of game is chess?

Chess is a board game played by two people. One player has 16 white (or light) pieces and the other has 16 black (or dark) pieces. First, the player with the white (or light) pieces moves one of his white (or light) pieces. Then the player with the black pieces moves one of his black pieces. Then white gets to move a piece. And then black moves a piece. You just keep taking turns moving your own pieces until the game ends.

What does the chess board look like?

The chessboard is 8 squares wide and 8 squares long- that makes 64 squares ($8 \times 8 = 64$). The squares on the chess board are white (or light) and black (or dark). See:

