

Task - Chess!

Your teacher has asked you to prepare for a presentation about your favorite board game, which is chess, of course. You are now watching a video to understand more about the history of the game. Answer the questions from the information in the recording. You are **not required** to answer in full sentences.

The origins

1. What has chess been known as throughout its existence?
 - A tool of _____
 - A metaphor for _____
 - A benchmark of _____
 2. Which century did chess **originate** from?
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Gupta Empire

3. What was the brother trying to do after the young prince died?
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4. Two key features of the new game:
 - Different rules for moving different types of _____
 - A single _____ piece
 5. What determines the outcome of the game?
 - A. The fate of the king piece
 - B. Whether all the pieces have been taken
 - C. The number of pieces on the board
 - D. How many moves you have made
 6. The game was originally known as 'chaturanga', which was the Sanskrit word for?

Spread of the game

7. Where did the game get its current name 'chess'?

8. What does 'shah mat' mean in English?

9. What did diplomats and courtiers describe with chess terms?
 - A. Chess moves
 - B. Their mood
 - C. What they want for food
 - D. Political power
10. Historian al-Mas'udi considered the game to be a testament to _____ instead of games of chance.
11. Where did trade along the silk road eventually carry the game to?

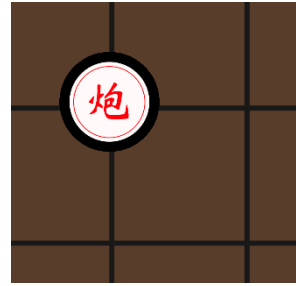
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Gendler, A. (2019, September 12). A brief history of chess - Alex Gendler. YouTube. <https://youtu.be/YeB-1F-UKO0>

12. In China, how are chess pieces placed on the board? Choose the picture which best fits.



A



B

13. In the Mongol version of chess, there were ‘citadels’, which acted like _____.

14. In Japanese Shogi, who can use captured pieces?

15. Who are suspicious of games like Chess? Name one group of people who holds this view:

16. Where was chess briefly banned in?

Turning into its modern form

17. What was the new name for the ‘advisor’ piece?

18. What did this change to towards the game of chess?

19. When did the romantic style of chess reach its peak?

20. What did Adolf Anderssen sacrifice in the Immortal Game?

- _____
- _____

21. Which nation devoted great amount of resources to cultivate chess talent during the cold war?

22. Who/what would put an end to Russian dominance in chess?

23. Why was Deep Blue’s victory over Garry Kasparov in 1997 so important?
