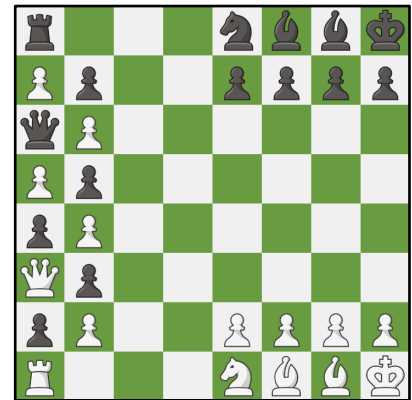


19. A Sidebar Start

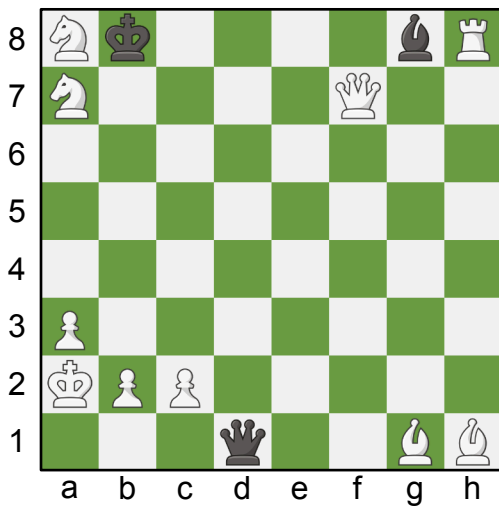
This variant starts with queens blocked behind pawns along one side of the board.

- Is it best to sacrifice a piece to get the queen out?
- Is it best to ignore the sidebar of pieces and just focus on the right half of the board?
- Will the rooks ever move?

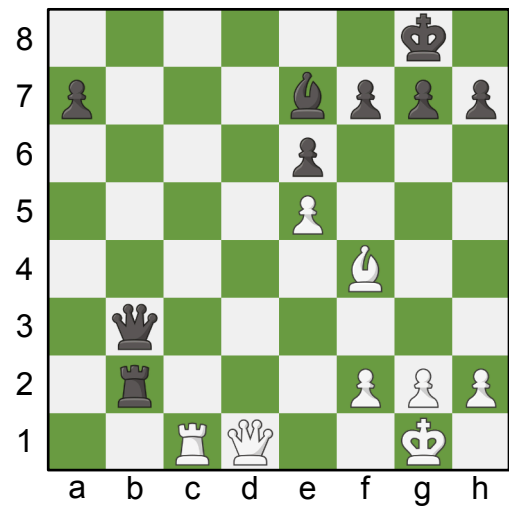


Challenge Puzzles

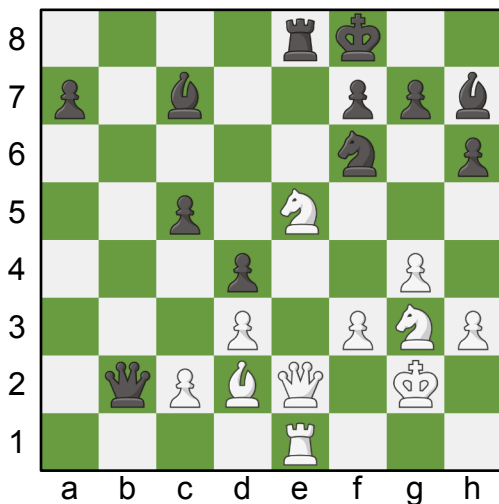
① White to play - mate in 1.



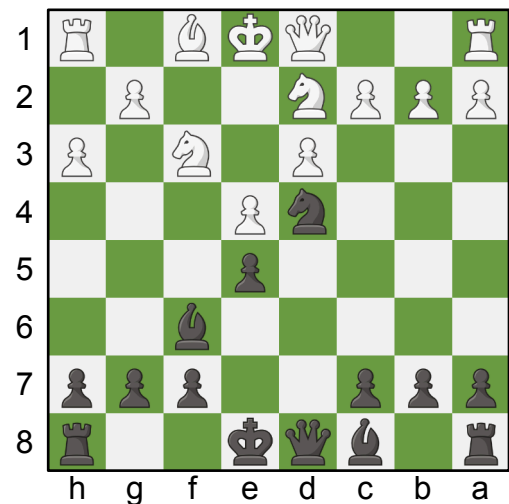
② White to play - mate in 3.



③ White to play - mate in 3.



④ Black to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① Use the queen.
- ② Start with the rook.
- ③ Start with the knight.
- ④ Start with a bishop.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♔b3#
- ② 1. ♖c8+ ♙f8 2. ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 3. ♔d8#
- ③ 1. ♞d7+ ♔g8 2. ♔xe8+ ♞xe8 3. ♖xe8#
- ④ 1... ♙h4+ 2. ♞xh4 ♔xh4+ 3. ♙g3 ♔xg3#

