

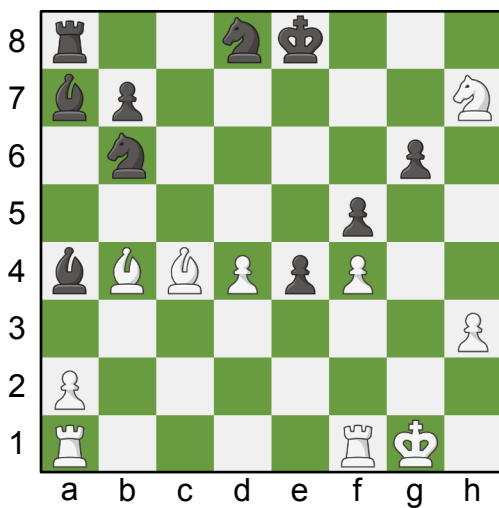
12. Chess 960

Chess 960 is a chess variant invented by Bobby Fischer where the pieces start in different positions on the back row.

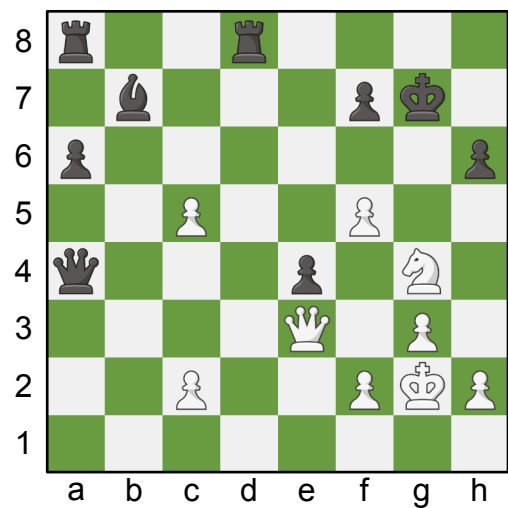
- Black sets up their pieces to exactly mirror white.
- Bishops always start on opposite color.
- The king always starts with one rook to the left and one to the right.
- There are 960 different possible starting positions.

Challenge Puzzles

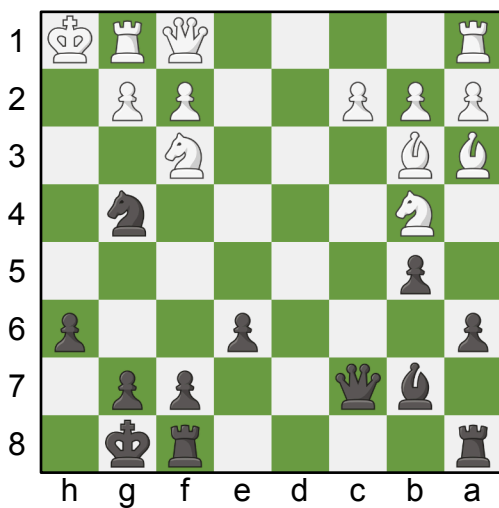
① White to play - mate in 1.



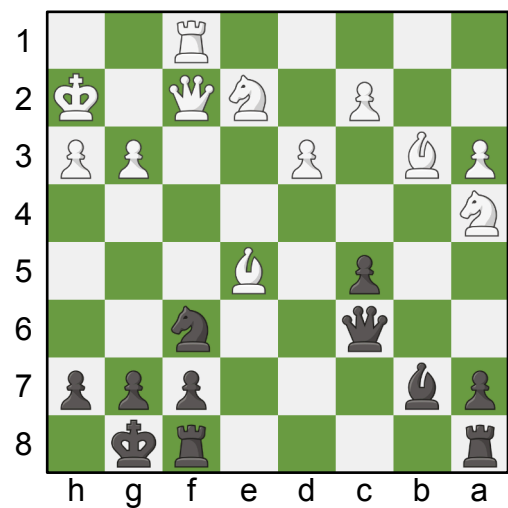
② White to play - mate in 2.



③ Black to play - mate in 2.














④ Black to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① Use the knight.
- ② Start with the queen.
- ③ Eliminate a defender.
- ④ Start with the knight.

Answers.

- ① 1. f6# 1-0
- ② 1. xh6 g8 2. f6# 1-0
- ③ 1. ... xf3 2. Whatever g2# 0-1
- ④ 1. ... f4+ 2. xf4 h6+ 3. g8 h8# 0-1

