

# A history of board games other than chess

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**What is the history of chess board?** The history of chess can be traced back nearly 1,500 years to its earliest known predecessor, called chaturanga, in India; its prehistory is the subject of speculation. From India it spread to Persia, where it was modified in terms of shapes and rules and developed into Shatranj.

**What is the oldest game in the world?** Some historians believe that mancala is the oldest game in the world based on the archaeological evidence found in Jordan that dates around 6000 BC. The game might have been played by ancient Nabataeans and could have been an ancient version of the modern mancala game.

**Is chess the oldest board game in the world?** The Royal Game of Ur is the oldest playable boardgame in the world, originating around 4,600 years ago in ancient Mesopotamia. The game's rules were written on a cuneiform tablet by a Babylonian astronomer in 177 BC.

**What is the #1 board game in the world?** The most popular board game is Monopoly, which holds the Guinness World Record for being played by the most people: 500 million people worldwide.

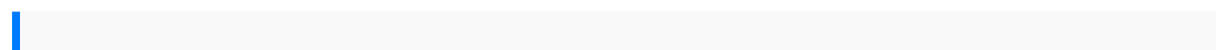
**What was the very first board game?** Unearthing the Oldest Board Game on Record Analysts estimated that the highly decorated boards, made of wood, inlaid shell and lapis lazuli, were made between 2,600-2,400 B.C., making the Royal Game of Ur the oldest complete tabletop game ever discovered.

**What is the oldest board game that is still played today?** 1. Chaturanga (Chess)  
If a modern chess club member time traveled to ancient India, they would probably recognize many aspects of Chaturanga. For example, a raja (king) moves one square at a time, while a horse moves the same way a knight does in modern chess.

**Which activity is older than chess?** Historians know that checkers was mentioned by the ancient writers Homer and Plato. Looks like we're going to need our time machine again, because checkers is much, much older than chess! Historians now believe that the oldest form of checkers was played around 3,000 B.C.E.

**Is go older than chess?** But Go dates farther back than checkers and even chess, first invented in China over 3,000 years ago, where it remains widely popular. It's believed to be one of the oldest board games in the world.

**What is the first game in history?** In the Persian Gulf, we discovered the oldest game in the world: "The royal game of Ur". The Assyrians invented this game more than 5000 years ago. It was a board game, with a board representing a course and pieces that players were moving. This game is preserved in a museum in London.



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