

Chess



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Often we disregard chess as a game for nerds and introverts and never truly attempt to fathom what it is all about. We can never really appreciate anything until we understand what goes into it and this couldn't be any truer in the case of chess. The reason why many of us shy away from playing chess is because of our lack of knowledge about the game

and because of this, we do not attribute much value to it. We instead regard sports such as football, basketball, and soccer with such tremendous respect because we are of the opinion that it not only involves physical activity but also mental involvement in the form of strategies and ploys. Would you be surprised to know that chess is a game that is filled with thousands of such strategies and tactics? Ploys that could help you sharpen your mind and analytical skills with practice?

It's true; chess is known as the quintessential game of strategy and planning. It is referenced in many movies and attributed to characters in those films that reflect traits of strategic thinking and cunning. Many people know or have heard that listening to the compositions of Mozart helps to increase one's brain function as a passive activity. In the same respect, playing chess can be considered the active version of listening to Mozart.

By gaining an understanding of the movements of the pieces and how to plan and adjust their positioning against an opponent in real time, one is simultaneously activating associations in the brain to identify predictable patterns and determine consequences before they happen. Setting up blocks against the opponent to create pathways elsewhere for one's advantage is much like the strategies we see used in pick-and-roll plays in basketball or slot options designed to break through a defense's barrier in American football.

This kind of analytical thinking and the development of it can be applied to a number of various areas in life like setting up a business, playing the stock market, project management, planning surprise parties, organizing team activities like scavenger hunts or geocaching, effective multitasking or pulling off a really great practical joke!

Playing chess trains one's mind to understand how maneuvering individual pieces effectively work to achieve a desired goal in the grand scheme. In other words, a person develops the ability to see how the details make up the big picture and how a large, complex concept can be broken down into simple step-by-step processes. A person develops keen problem-solving skills through analyzing challenging situations from multiple angles and learning how to approach them in various ways. One learns how to foresee what approaches will run into problems down the line and how to counteract them or take alternative approaches that give them a higher success rate. Chess also trains a person's thinking to become adaptable, so that with foresight and strategy, if one cannot back out of a difficult situation they will have developed the know-how to see other options to turn their disadvantage into an advantage. This quality pays tribute to the ever-famous quote, 'Within every problem, there lies an opportunity. Chess players understand the practical application of that meaning both in the game and in life.

As one begins to play chess more and engage in the game with various players, they will come to notice that each person has a particular style of playing that comes to represent their particular patterns of thinking. For example a person who plays more on the offensive side is more likely an aggressive person that has an overall assertive attitude toward life, whereas someone who plays more on the defensive is likely to be on the cautious side of life that waits to see how a situation will play out before making their definitive move.

Learning to read a person's style of play is an important part of the game, the same as it is in playing poker or the game of life at large; it will help to predict the opponent's next probable move and in adjusting your style to counter theirs effectively.

If you are unaware of these facts about chess, you have perhaps done the right thing by purchasing this book. All that you need is the preliminary knowledge about chess and the interest to learn the openings and tactics suggested here, to make the best use of this book.

In the first chapter of this book, I have highlighted the most common and powerful openings in chess that can change the style of your game. In the second chapter, I have listed the key principles based on which chess strategies are built. An understanding of these principles will help us retort to our opponent's moves in an effective manner. In the continuing chapters, I have highlighted the commonly employed chess tactics and strategies.

It is in my dear aspirations that this book in your possession helps you elevate not only your skillfulness in chess, but your intellectual grace as well.

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