THE GAME OF CHESS

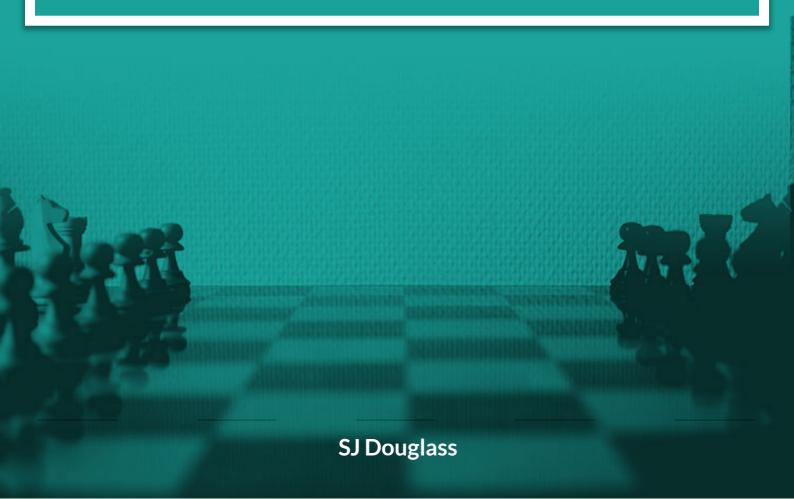


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THE GAME OF CHESS

The great game of Chess has a history that at all times has awakened interest. Board games similar to this game have been discovered on ancient Egyptian sculptures. Handwritten manuscripts, a thousand years old, referring to Chess, have been found. Most historians concur that this game was invented around 500 AD, but some historians believe it may have been invented earlier. Many experts believe it appeared first in India, but others believe it was invented either in China or in Persia, which today is called Iran. Through the years, many countries created their own versions of the game. Between 600 and 1200 AD, this game spread to Europe, where it became very popular. By late 1400, it had developed into the game we know today.



STRATEGY AND TACTICS ON CHESS

Strategy and tactics are what the game of chess is all about. An army of 16 chess is commanded by each player. A game of chess has three stages if being played well. In the opening, the players bring out their forces in preparation for combat. The players maneuver for position and carry out attacks and counterattacks in the middlegame. The endgame is when with fewer pawns and pieces left on the board, it is safer for the kings to come out and join the final battle. Here are 10 ways to improve your chess game.

HAVE A PLAN

Your opponent will have an easy time defending themselves if you threaten something here in one move, something over there in the next move, and so on. For you to be effective, your pieces must work together. Your men can work in harmony when you develop a plan. The chessmen are your "team"; to be a good "coach," you have to use all of their strengths together.







KNOW WHAT THE PIECES ARE WORTH

You should think about the value of your men when thinking about giving up some of your pieces for some of your opponents. The player whose men add up to a great value will usually have the advantage.



LOOK AT YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVE

You should stop and think every time your opponent makes a move. Ask yourself, why was that move chosen? Is a particular piece in danger? Are there other threats I should watch out for? You will be able to successfully carry out your own strategies by defending against your opponent's threats.



DEVELOP QUICKLY AND WELL

An important element of chess is time. The player whose men are ready for action more quickly will be able to control the course of the game. You have to develop your men efficiently to powerful posts if you want to be that player.

KEEP YOUR KING SAFE



The object of the game is to checkmate the opponent's king. Sometimes a player forgets that his opponent is also hunting for the king because they are too busy thinking about their own plan.

MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE MOVE

Ask yourself these questions when you are considering a move. Can I improve my position even more by increasing the effectiveness of a different piece? Will the piece I am moving go to a better square than the one it is on now? Does the move help to defend against my opponent's threats? will the piece I move be safe on its new square?

