

Hanging Pieces

Advanced · Rating 1873-2256 · 12 positions

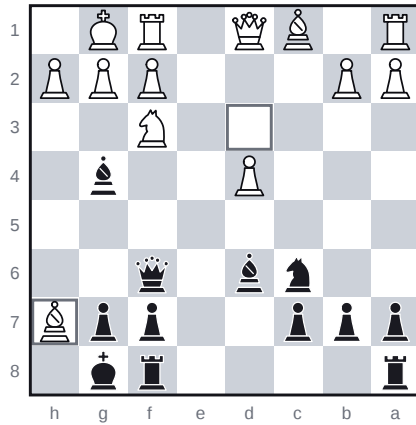
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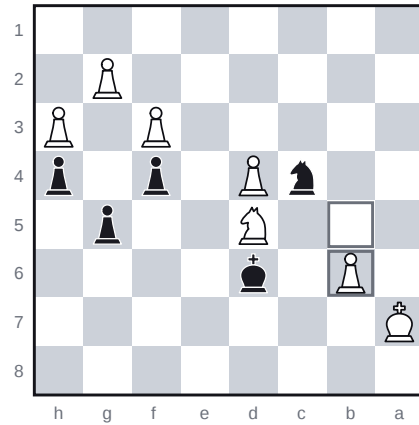
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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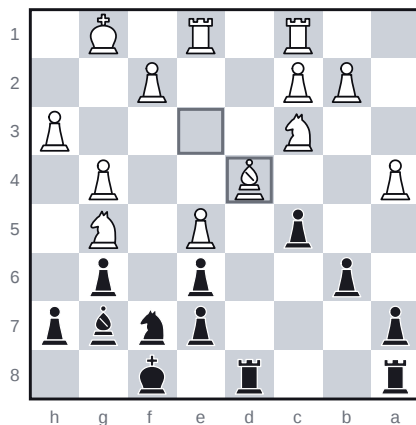
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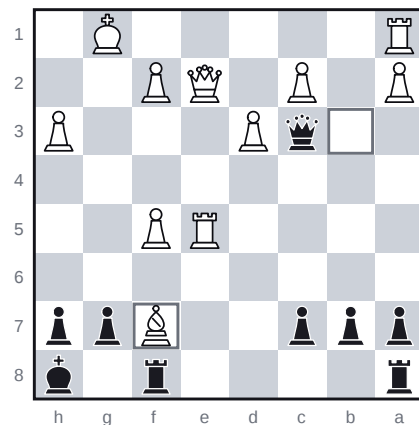
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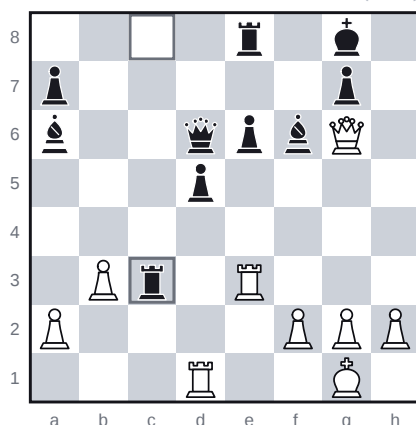
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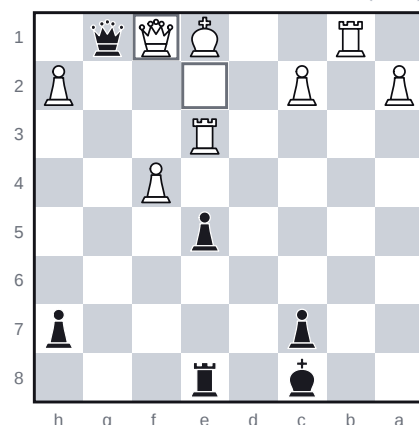
4 Black to move (1930)



5 White to move (1951)



6 Black to move (1971)



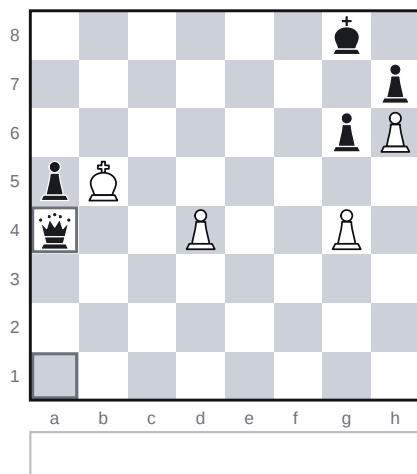
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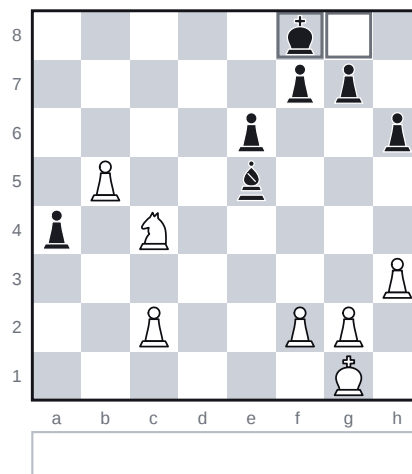
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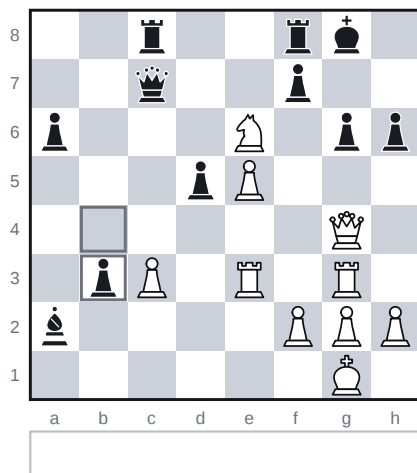
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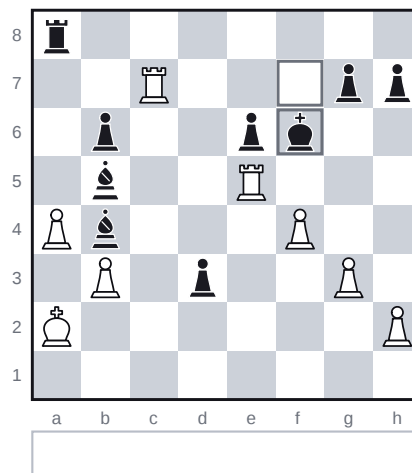
8 White to move (2013)



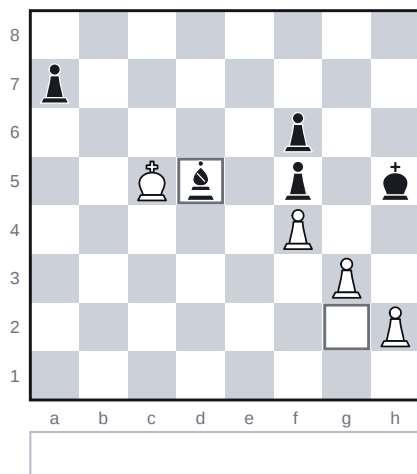
9 White to move (2060)



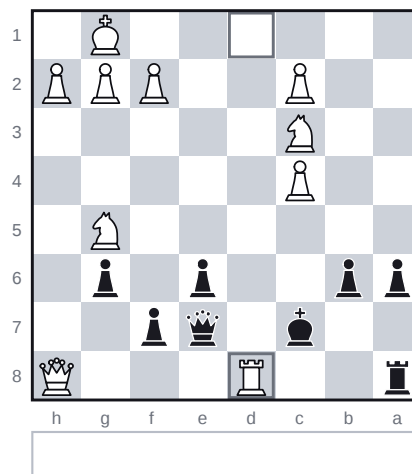
10 White to move (2109)



11 White to move (2210)



12 Black to move (2256)



Answer key

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What to look for

A piece that is attacked and not defended. Before anything clever, check every enemy piece for a defender.

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| 1. 12...Kxh7 13.Ng5+ Qxg5 14.Bxg5 Bxd1
Wins a rook. | #E8Yts |
| 2. 57...Kxd5 58.b7 Na5
Wins a piece. | #FHUzB |
| 3. 19...Nxg5 20.Be3 Nf3+ 21.Kg2 Nxe1+
Wins a rook. | #CM8CK |
| 4. 21...Qxa1+ 22.Kg2 Rxf7 23.Re8+ Rf8
The queen on a1 attacks the king on g1 and the rook on e5. Wins a rook. | #Buhlp |
| 5. 31.Qxe8+ Qf8 32.Qxe6+
Wins a rook. | #9Rxly |
| 6. 30...Qxe3+ 31.Qe2 Qg1+
Wins a rook. | #EHx3C |
| 7. 87.Kxa4 Kf7 88.Kxa5 Ke6 89.Kb4
Wins a queen. | #B2pjG |
| 8. 39.Nxe5 a3 40.Nd7+ Ke7 41.Nc5
Wins a piece. | #AVHcv |
| 9. 28.Nxc7 b2 29.Re1
Wins a queen. | #B0YR5 |
| 10. 34.Rxb5 Rd8 35.Rc1
Wins a piece. | #CAnYv |
| 11. 47.Kxd5 Kg4 48.h4
Wins a piece. | #hulBA |
| 12. 29...Qxg5 30.Rd7+ Kxd7
Wins a rook. | #Z4Srg |

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