

Mate in Three

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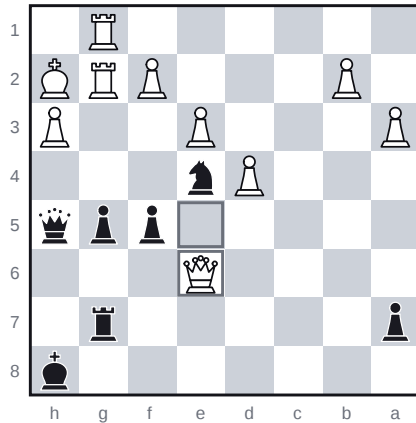
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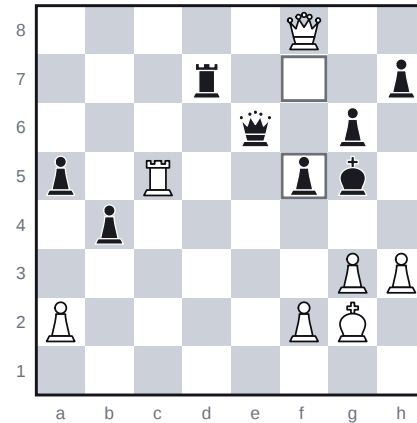
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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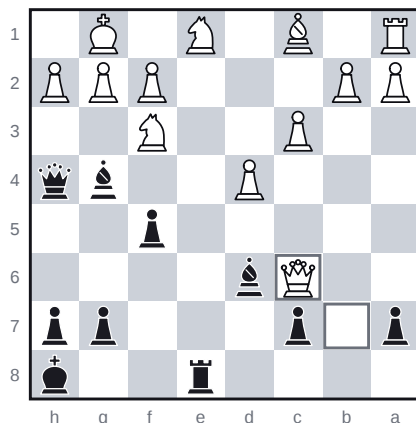
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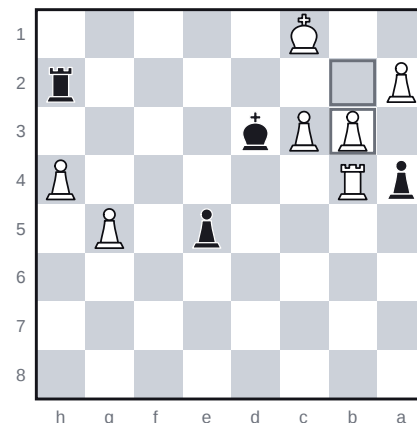
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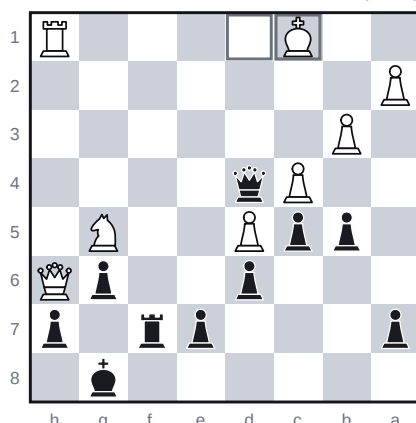
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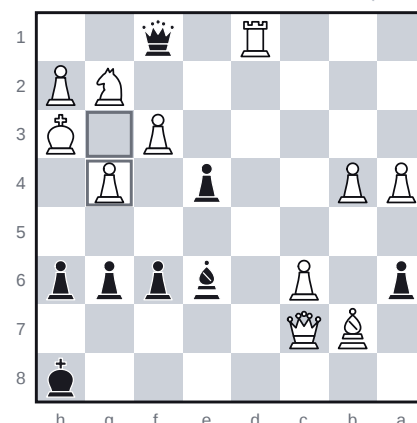
4 Black to move (1937)



5 Black to move (1954)



6 Black to move (1977)



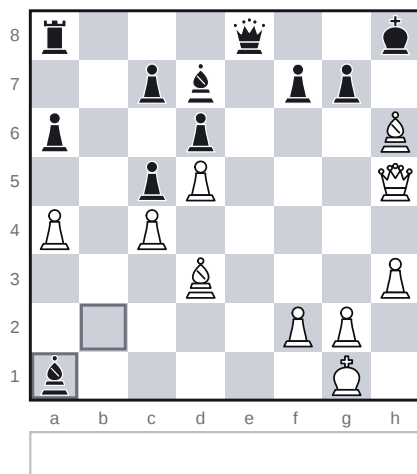
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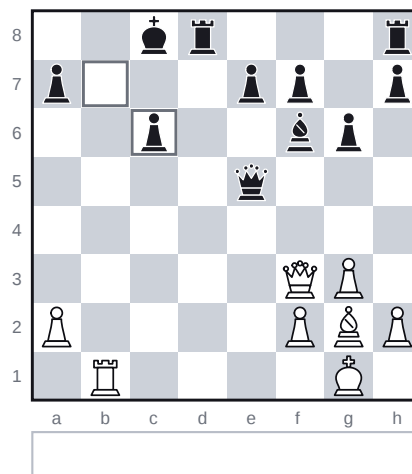
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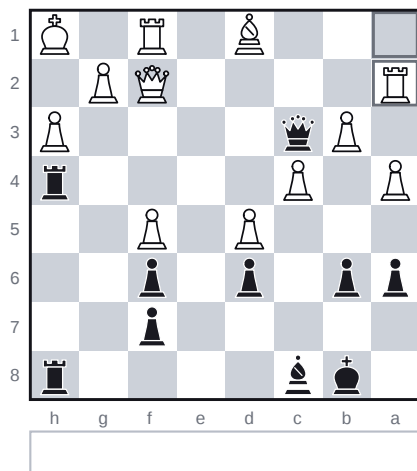
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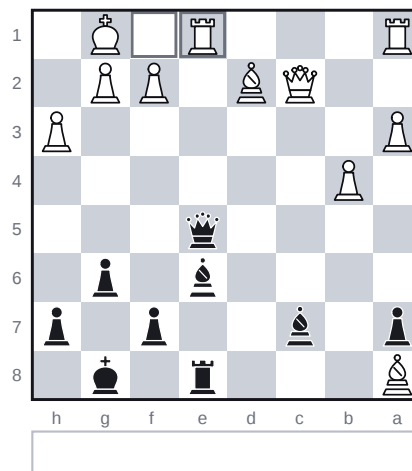
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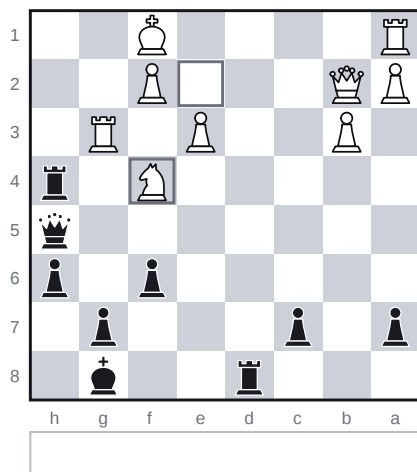
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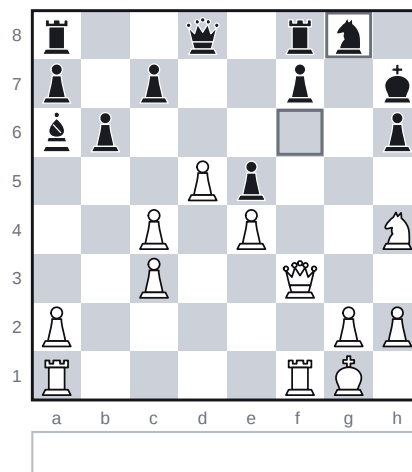
10 Black to move (2154)



11 Black to move (2213)



12 White to move (2245)



Answer key

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What to look for

Three moves, and the king is mated at the end of them. Work backwards: decide which square he is going to be mated on, then find the two moves that put him there.

1. **33...Qxh3+ 34.Kxh3 Rh7+ 35.Qh6 Rxh6#** #CAUcO
The queen on h3 attacks the king on h2 and the rook on g2. Mate in 3.
2. **37.f4+ Kh5 38.g4+ Kh4 39.Qh6#** #9Neq2
Mate in 3.
3. **18...Rxe1+ 19.Nxe1 Qxh2+ 20.Kf1 Qh1#** #Ct7NO
The rook on e1 attacks the king on g1 and the bishop on c1. Mate in 3.
4. **38...a3 39.Rg4 Rh1+ 40.Rg1 Rxg1#** #Cobrv
Mate in 3.
5. **45...Qa1+ 46.Kd2 Rf2+ 47.Ke3 Qd4#** #8X8oA
Mate in 3.
6. **48...Qxf3+ 49.Qg3 Bxg4+ 50.Kh4 g5#** #9v2gB
The queen on f3 attacks the king on h3 and the rook on d1. Mate in 3.
7. **20.Bg5+ Kg8 21.Qh7+ Kf8 22.Qh8#** #CIBsh
Mate in 3.
8. **21.Qxc6+ Qc7 22.Rb8+ Kxb8 23.Qa8#** #B3ijb
The queen on c6 attacks the king on c8 and the bishop on f6. Mate in 3.
9. **31...Rxh3+ 32.gxh3 Qxh3+ 33.Kg1 Qh1#** #CT1WI
Mate in 3.
10. **22...Qh2+ 23.Kf1 Bc4+ 24.Qxc4 Qh1#** #Bu7Bq
Mate in 3.
11. **33...Rd1+ 34.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 35.Kg2 Qh1#** #XOYgv
The rook on d1 attacks the king on f1 and the rook on a1. Mate in 3.
12. **20.Qxf7+ Rxf7 21.Rxf7+ Kh8 22.Ng6#** #ciWkC
The queen on f7 attacks the king on h7 and the rook on f8. Mate in 3.

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