

Chess Pins

Easy · Rating 652-1314 · 12 positions

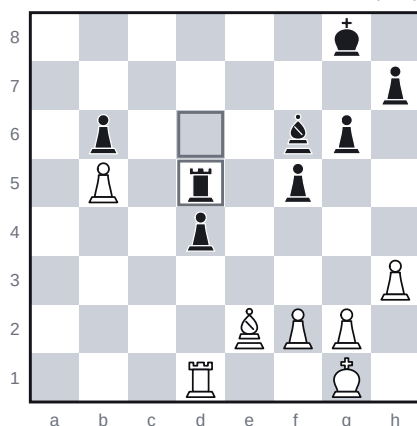
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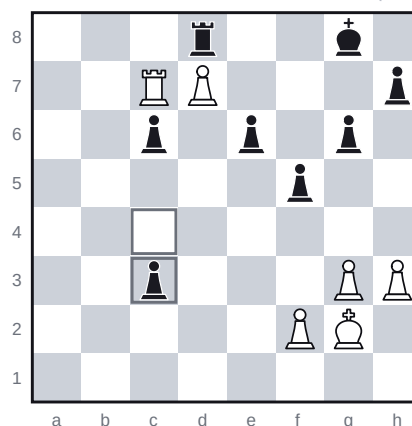
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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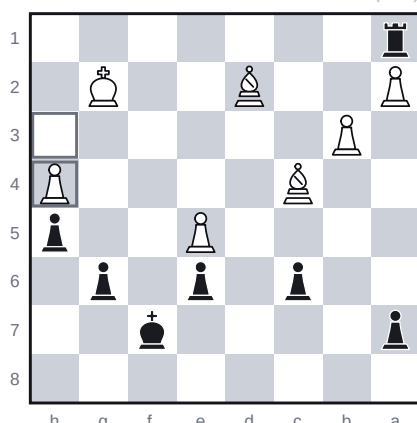
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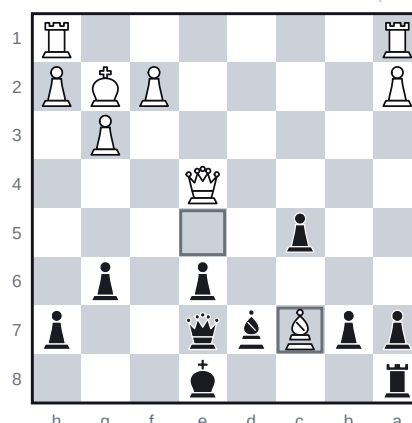
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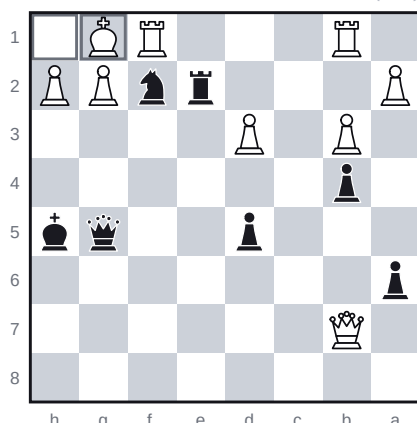
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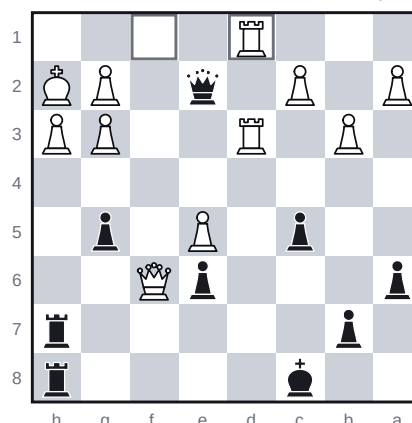
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5 Black to move (972)



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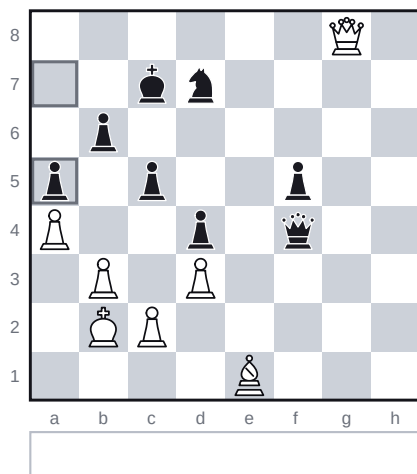
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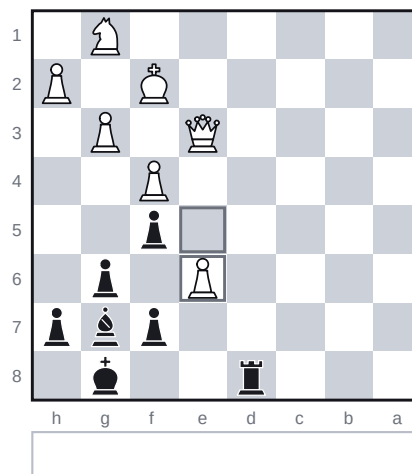
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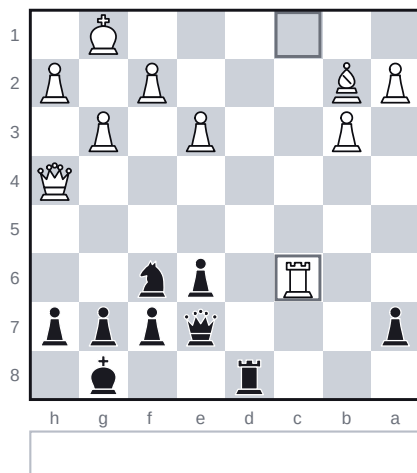
7 White to move (992)



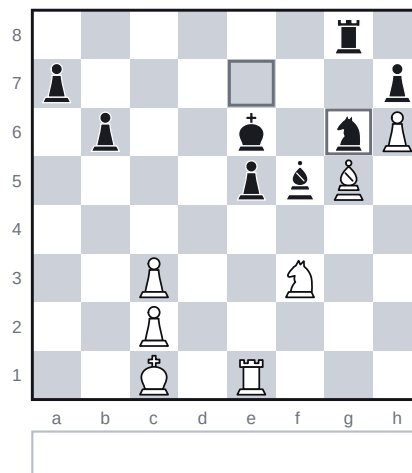
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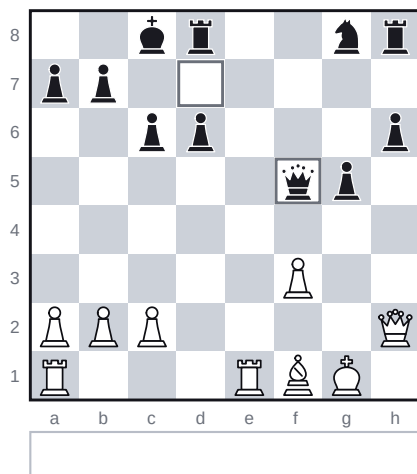
9 Black to move (1158)



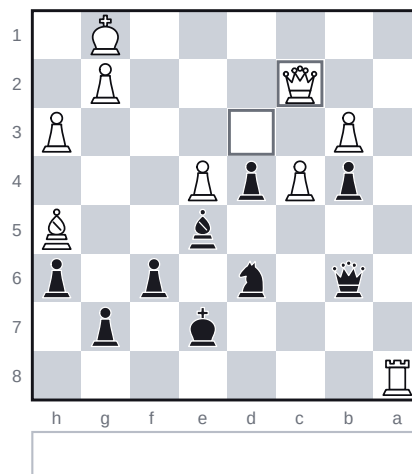
10 White to move (1231)



11 White to move (1280)



12 Black to move (1314)



Answer key

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What to look for

A piece that cannot move without exposing something more valuable behind it. Find the line first, then find the piece standing on it.

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| 1. 34.Bc4 Kf8 35.Bxd5
Wins a rook. | #vSuER |
| 2. 38.Rc8 Kf8 39.Rxd8+
Wins a rook. | #hFzn8 |
| 3. 28...Rxa2 29.Kf3 Rxd2
Wins a piece. | #WXS4E |
| 4. 23...Bc6 24.Qxc6+ bxc6
Wins a rook. | #v36zS |
| 5. 44...Nh3+ 45.Kh1 Qxg2#
Mate in 2. | #kk37u |
| 6. 28...Rxb3+ 29.Kg1 Rb1#
Mate in 2. | #n3mTG |
| 7. 41.Bg3 Qxg3 42.Qxg3+
Wins a rook. | #h31tt |
| 8. 36...Bd4 37.Qxd4 Rxd4
Wins a rook. | #kQBtg |
| 9. 24...Rd1+ 25.Kg2 Qb7 26.Bxf6 Qxc6+
Comes out 2 pawns ahead. | #62MQP |
| 10. 36.Nd4+ Kd7 37.Nxf5
The knight on d4 attacks the king on e6 and the bishop on f5. Wins a piece. | #6ggiK |
| 11. 20.Bh3 g4 21.Bxg4 Qxg4+ 22.fxg4
Wins a rook. | #6jtff |
| 12. 35...d3+ 36.Qf2 Bd4 37.Qxd4 Qxd4+
Wins a rook. | #7qR2j |

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