

Chess Pins

Intermediate · Rating 1343-1847 · 12 positions

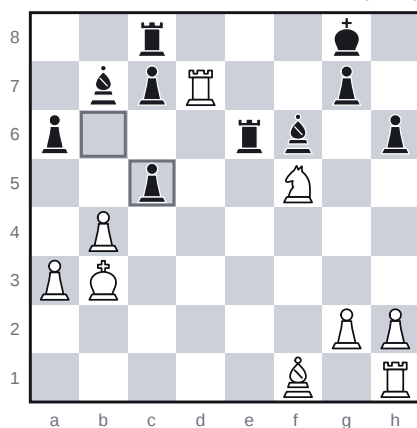
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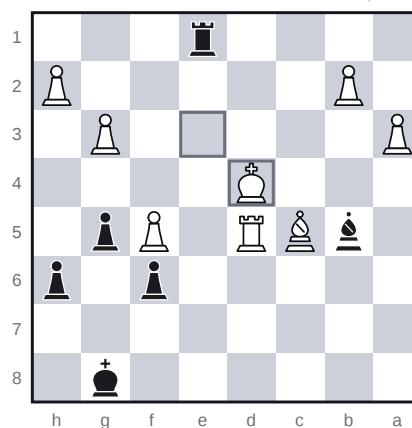
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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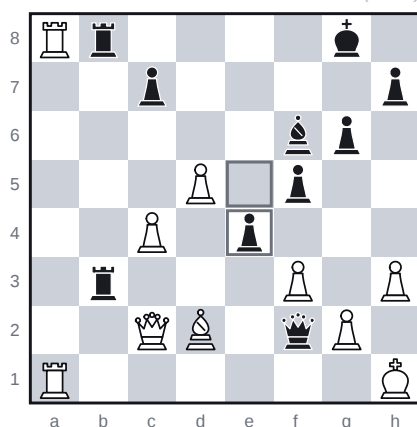
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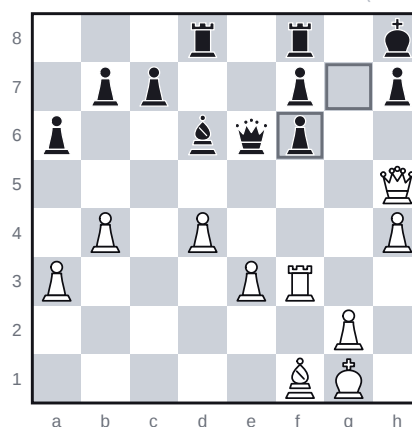
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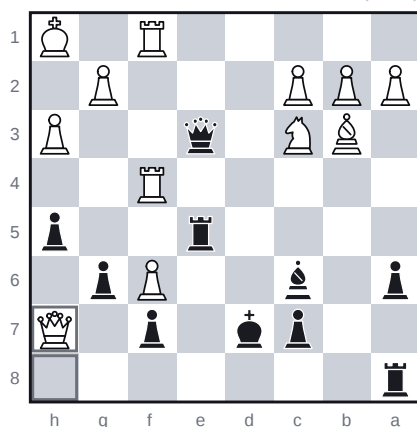
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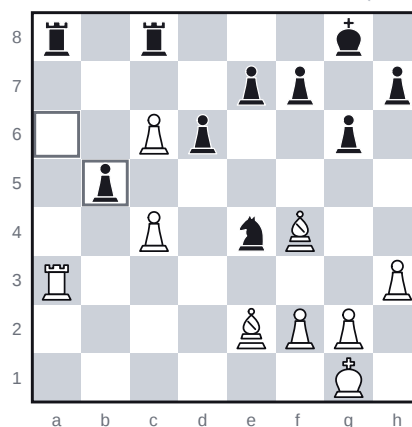
4 White to move (1438)



5 Black to move (1508)



6 White to move (1558)



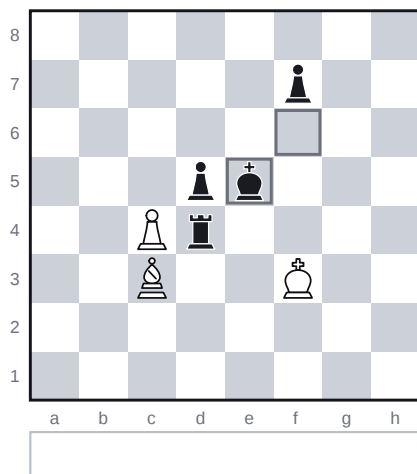
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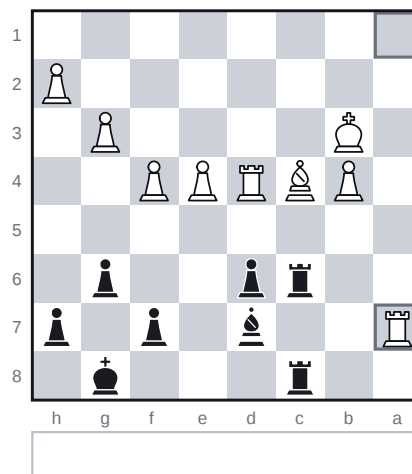
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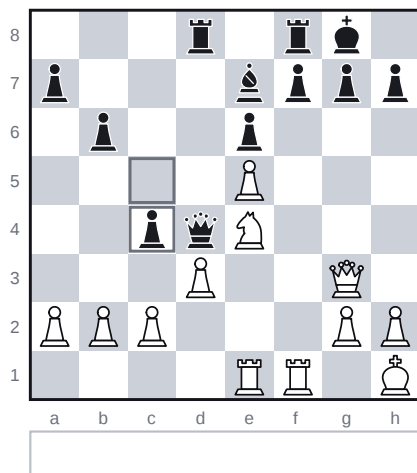
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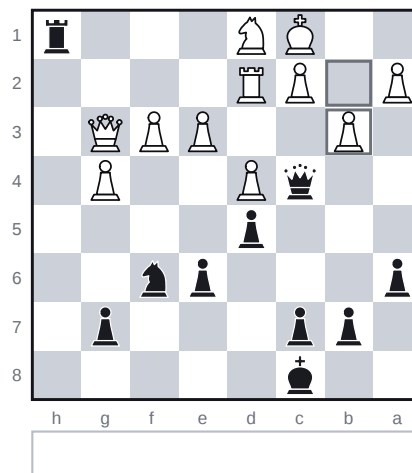
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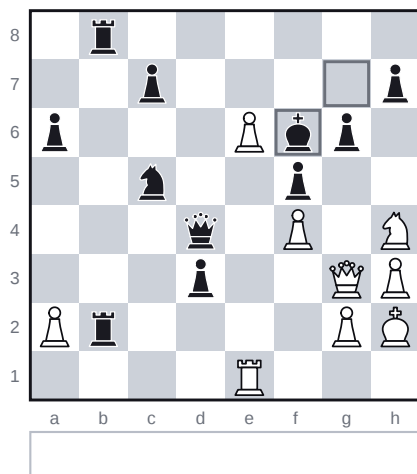
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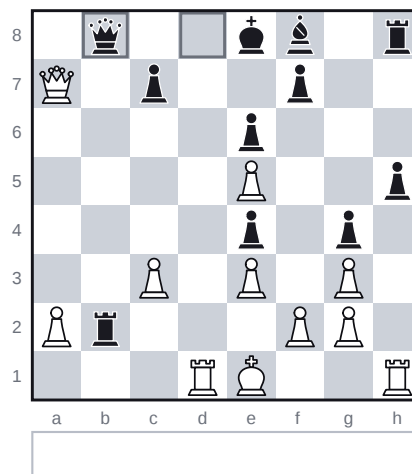
10 Black to move (1747)



11 White to move (1814)



12 White to move (1847)



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.

1. **26.Bc4 Kh8 27.Bxe6** #7IPa1
Wins a rook.
2. **34...Rd1+ 35.Ke4 Bc6** #6rnmY
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
3. **33.Qxb3 Rxa8 34.Rxa8+** #7bZpO
Wins a rook.
4. **23.Bd3 f5 24.Bxf5 Qg6 25.Bxg6** #3wHxO
Wins a queen.
5. **31...Qxh3+ 32.Kg1 Qxg2#** #3a5pi
The queen on h3 attacks the king on h1 and the knight on c3. Mate in 2.
6. **28.Rxa8 Rxa8 29.cxb5** #446Oe
Comes out 1 pawn ahead.
7. **61.c5 Ke6 62.Bxd4** #3rstj
Wins a rook.
8. **37...Rxc4 38.Rxc4 Be6** #4AK3e
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
9. **20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.exf6** #4F7D7
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
10. **24...Qc3 25.Rd3 Qa1+** #4mhpc
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.
11. **34.Qg5+ Kg7 35.Nxf5+ Kg8 36.Nxd4** #6mWKb
Wins a queen.
12. **21.Qa4+ Rb5 22.c4** #8QNNF
Comes out level on material and ahead on position.

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