

Trapping Pieces

Easy · Rating 659-1519 · 12 positions

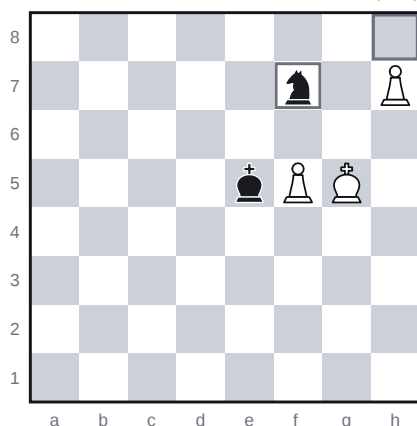
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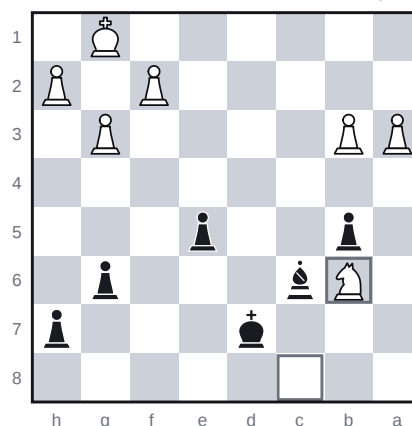
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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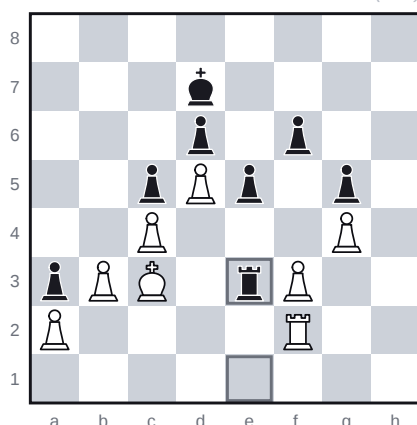
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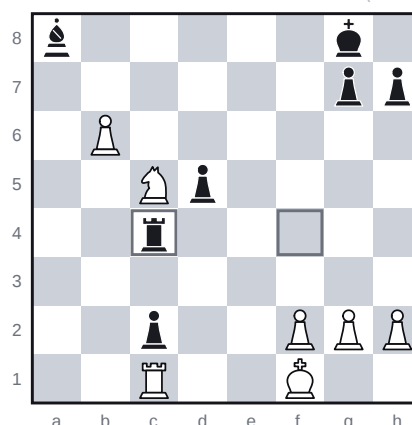
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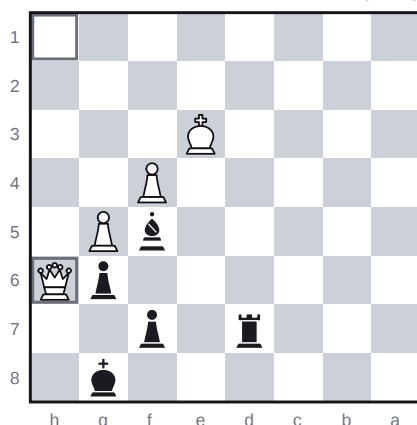
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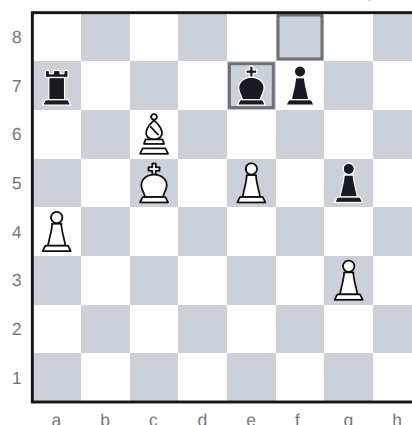
4 White to move (1221)



5 Black to move (1290)



6 White to move (1313)



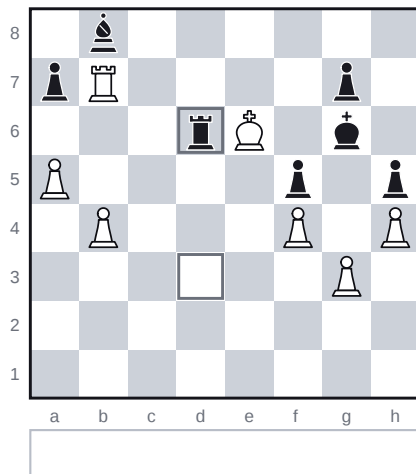
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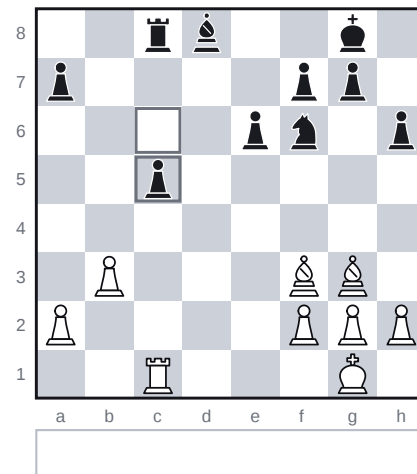
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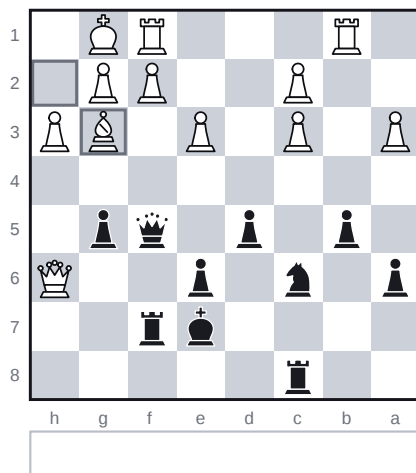
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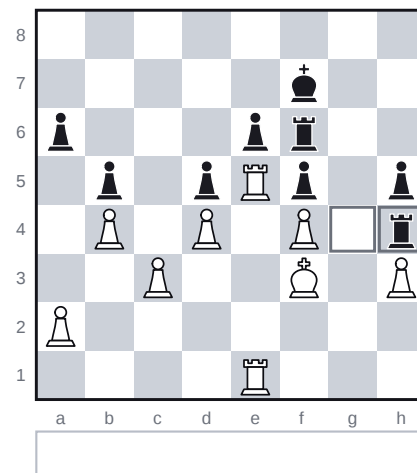
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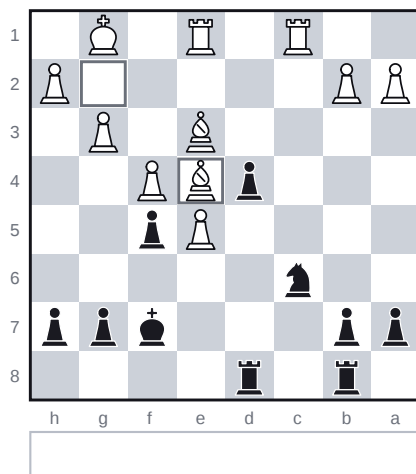
9 Black to move (1374)



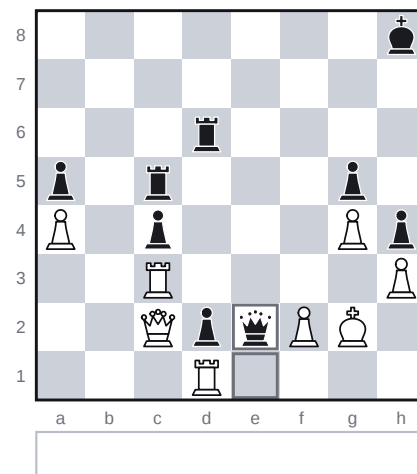
10 White to move (1394)



11 Black to move (1443)



12 White to move (1519)



Answer key

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What to look for

A piece with no safe square. Attack it once more, or take away the squares it would run to.

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| 1. 51.Kg6 Nh8+ 52.Kg7 Kxf5 53.Kxh8
Comes out 2 pawns ahead. | #V7hLS |
| 2. 31...Kc7 32.Nc4 bxc4
Wins a piece. | #bJ9cR |
| 3. 41.Kd2 Rxb3 42.axb3 a2 43.Rf1
Wins a piece. | #nIN2G |
| 4. 35.b7 Bxb7 36.Nxb7
Comes out 2 pawns ahead. | #rcey0 |
| 5. 58...Rd3+ 59.Ke2 Rh3 60.Qxh3 Bxh3
Wins a piece. | #JAPhd |
| 6. 43.Kb6 Rxa4 44.Bxa4
Wins a piece. | #pVvFr |
| 7. 49.Ke7 Rd3 50.Rxb8
Wins a piece. | #vaNky |
| 8. 21.Bb7 Rc7 22.Bxc7
Wins a rook. | #a43Yq |
| 9. 26...Rh7 27.Qxh7+ Qxh7
Wins a piece. | #D8VGx |
| 10. 33.Kg3 Rxf4 34.Kxf4
Wins a piece. | #KjAMm |
| 11. 22...fxe4 23.Bd2 e3 24.Bxe3 dxe3
Wins a rook. | #5ZImq |
| 12. 47.Re3 Qxe3 48.fxe3
Wins a piece. | #5VDYC |

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