

Trapping Pieces

Intermediate · Rating 1565-2066 · 12 positions

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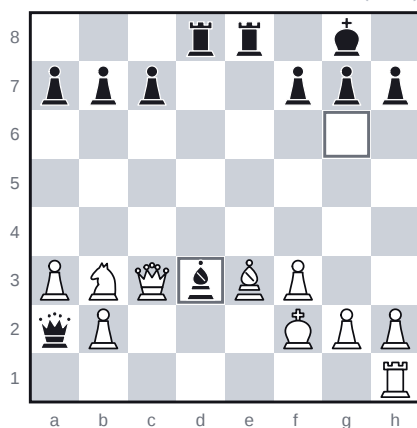
Find the best move for the side to move and write it in the box. The two outlined squares show the move just played. Answers on the last page.

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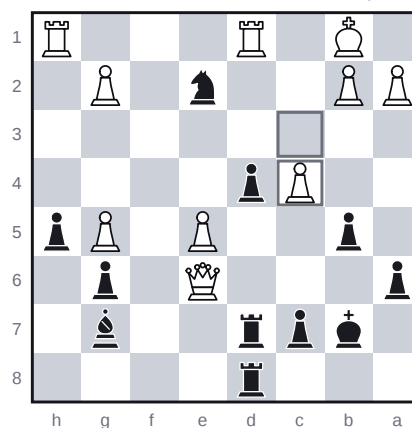
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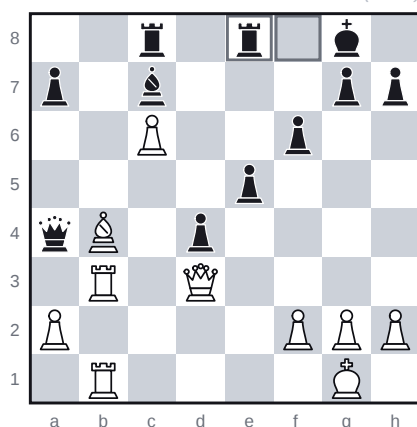
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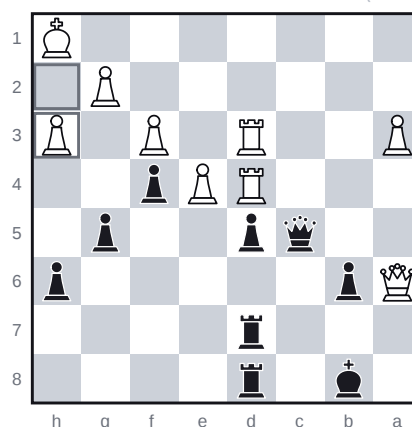
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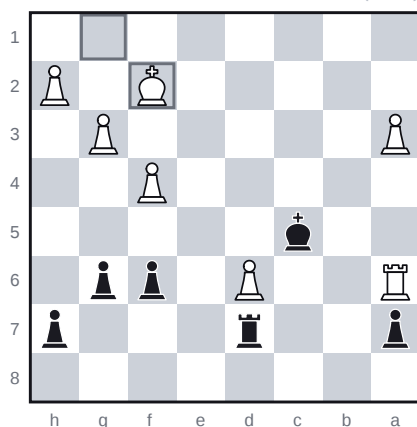
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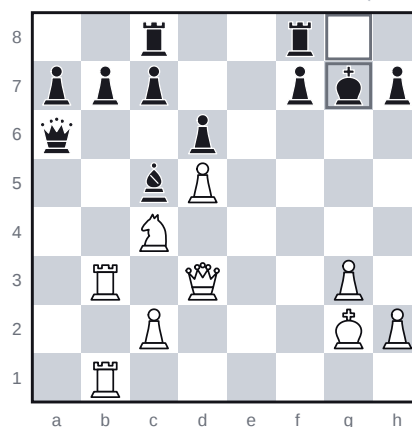
4 Black to move (1697)



5 Black to move (1752)



6 White to move (1823)



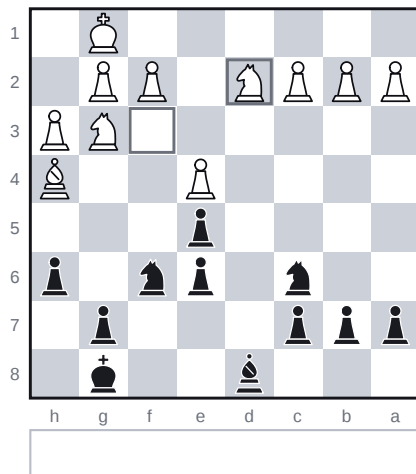
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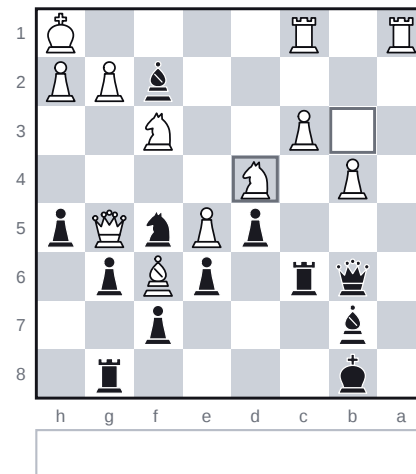
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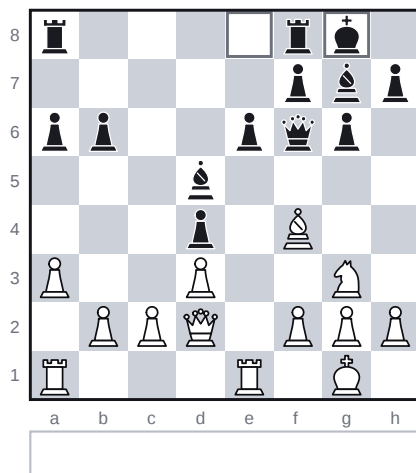
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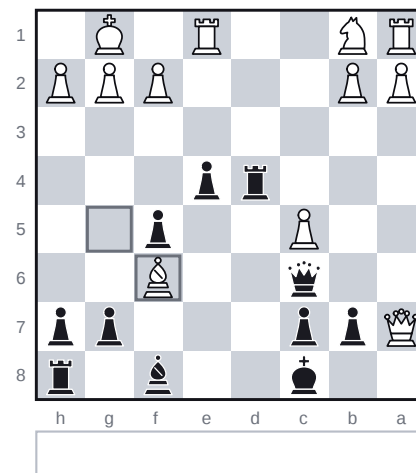
8 Black to move (1886)



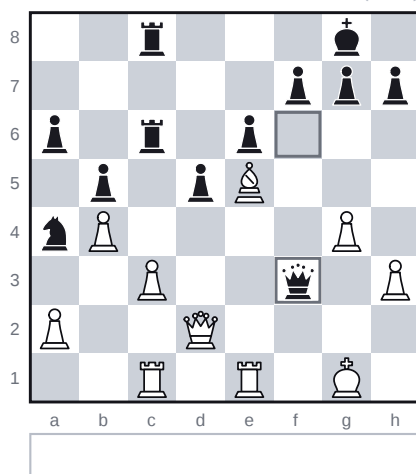
9 White to move (1919)



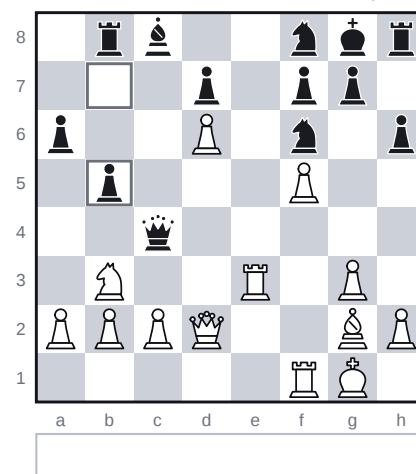
10 Black to move (1956)



11 White to move (2008)



12 White to move (2066)



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. 27.Ra1 Qxa1 28.Nxa1
Wins a piece. | #8x1pj |
| 2. 30...Nf4 31.Qxd7 Rxd7
Wins a piece. | #5DuM2 |
| 3. 24.Qc4+ Kh8 25.Ra3 Qxa3 26.Bxa3
Wins a piece. | #DKFbO |
| 4. 35...Ra7 36.Qxa7+ Kxa7
Wins a piece. | #6F2f2 |
| 5. 36...Kb5 37.Rxa7 Rxa7
Wins a piece. | #BAExs |
| 6. 25.Qc3+ f6 26.Ra1 Qxa1 27.Qxa1
Wins a piece. | #8nCv3 |
| 7. 19...g5 20.Bxg5 hxc5
Comes out 2 pawns ahead. | #FG0Yd |
| 8. 25...Be3 26.Qxe3 Nxe3
The bishop on e3 attacks the queen on g5 and the rook on c1. Wins a rook. | #APNjf |
| 9. 17.Bg5 Qxg5 18.Qxg5
Wins a rook. | #GXjCP |
| 10. 19...Ra4 20.Qxa4 Qxa4
Wins a piece. | #EWw5r |
| 11. 28.Re3 Qxe3+ 29.Qxe3
Wins a piece. | #F8M1n |
| 12. 21.Rf4 Qxf4 22.gxf4
Wins a piece. | #Cn09n |

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