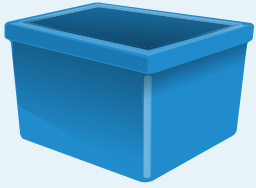


Activity 1 : What Do You See & Pawn Set-Up



EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- Chess board
- Light & dark Pawns
- Pawn flashcard (optional)

Let's start here:

- 1. Show** the board. Look at what we have today! A new, fun game! This is the game of Chess -- We are going to learn how to play and how to use this board and the pieces.
- 2. Explore** the board. Ask what can be seen on the board? (Squares, numbers, letters, light and dark, colors, lines, pattern & more)
- 3. Explore** the pieces. Every piece is important in the game of chess. Hold up the smallest chess piece, the Pawn. Find all the light Pawns and dark Pawns.
- 4. Place** the Pawns anywhere on the board. Each piece in the game of chess sits in its own square. Put the Pawns on the board in any square.
- 5. Compare** other pieces and the Pawns using size and shape words: tall, pointed, round, or tallest. We will use all of the pieces, but just yet.
- 6. Count** the Pawns. As the Pawns are placed on the board, count up and count the empty squares in the rank (1 - 8). There are 8 Pawns for each color.

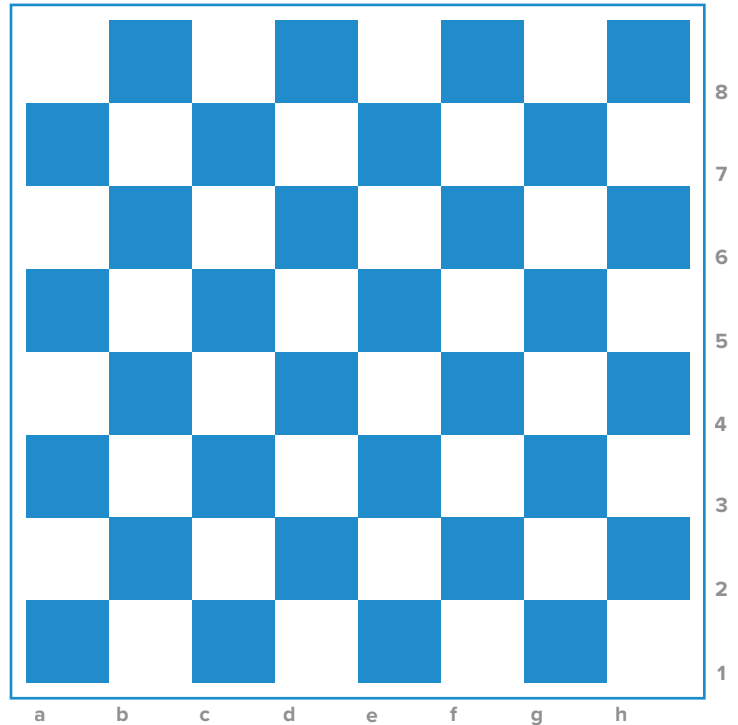


Fig. 1: Blank chess board with ranks (1 - 8) and files (a - h) noted on sides.

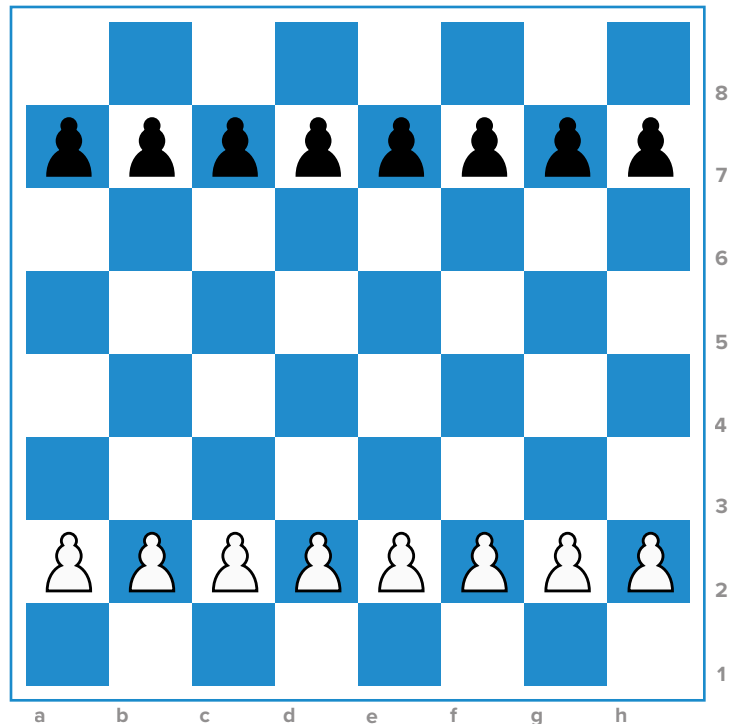


Fig. 2: Starting squares for light & dark Pawns (ranks 2 and 7).

Now try this:

Pawn Set-Up

- Move** the Pawns and place them on their starting squares. Each piece in the game of chess has its own starting square. The Pawns all begin in a line. Light Pawns begin the game on the 2nd rank and dark Pawns begin on the 7th rank.
- Compare** the ranks. Are all the Pawns on the board? Count the Pawns.

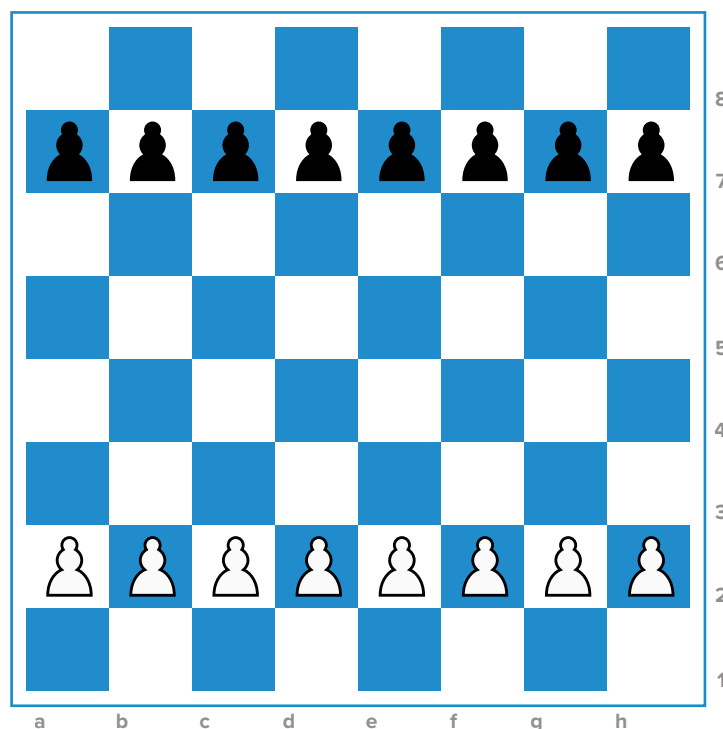


Fig 3: Starting setup for Pawns.

Pawn Set-Up Race

- Now** that we know where the starting squares are for each color, let's race! Make a prediction of how long it will take to set up one color of Pawns. Count seconds, or check a clock and race to set up the Pawns. Be sure to set Pawn on their starting squares. Ready? **Go!**



KEY WORDS

- Show the Pawn poster and model the hand motion for the Pawn.
- Clap out the word Pawn -- four claps



- Chess
- Board
- Pieces
- Pawn
- Rank