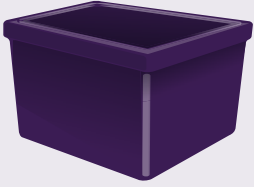


Activity 5 : The Rooks



EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Chess board
2 light Rooks + 2 dark Pawns
Rook Movement flashcard

Let's start here:

1. **Find** 2 light Rooks and place them on the board on their starting squares.
2. **Describe** the Rook and its starting squares: "Round, castle-like, in corners, across from each other on the 1st rank."
3. **Explain** that Rooks move in straight lines and can go all the way across the board, forward, backward, or side to side unless another piece is in its path.
4. **Move** one Rook at a time. Try moving it far and near in straight lines.

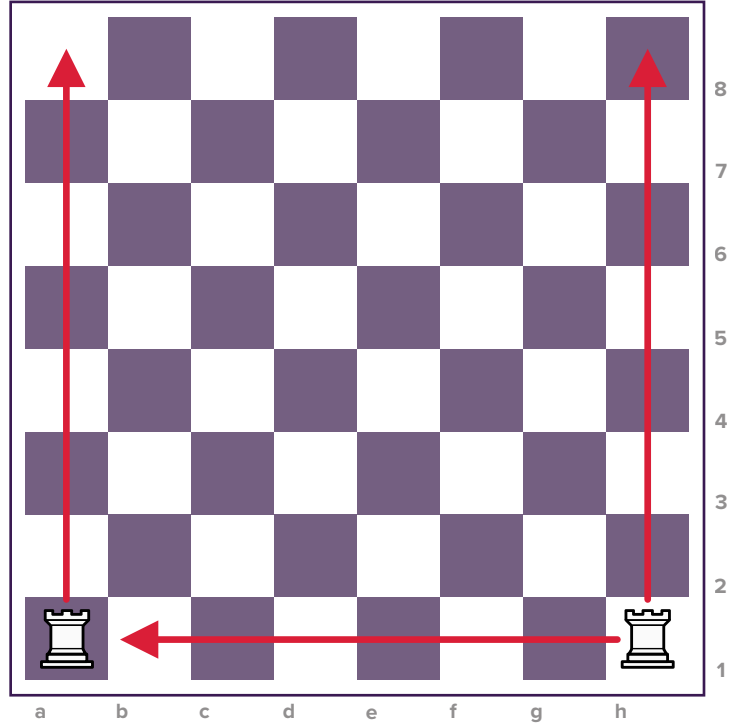


Fig 1: Light Rooks on starting squares. Arrows show range of Rook movement.

Now try this:

A Target Pawn (Fig 2)

1. **Place** a target Pawn anywhere on the board and far away from the Rook.
2. **Move** the Rook to that Pawn. What path will you take? Will it be easy or difficult?
3. **Take** turns placing the target Pawn and moving the Rook to reach that target.

KEY WORDS

- Rook
- Backward
- Far, Near
- Side-to-side
- Forward

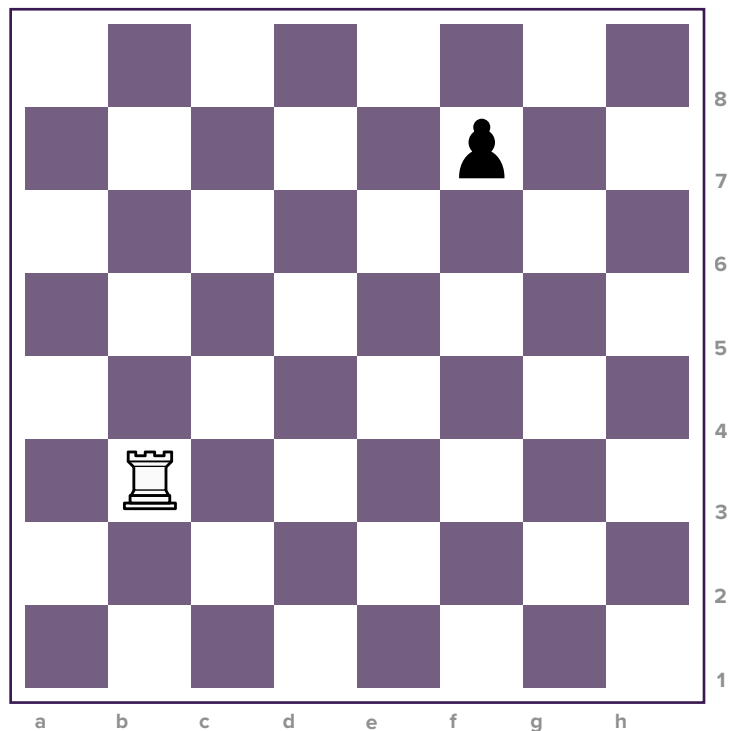


Fig 2: Target dark Pawn placed across the board from light Rook.

Multiple Target Pawns (Fig 3)

- 1. Place** 2 or 3 Pawns around the board.
This time **capture** (take the Pawns off the board when landed on) all of the Pawns!
- 2. Move** the Rook in straight lines across the board.
- 3. Take** turns placing Pawns and capturing with the Rook.
- 4. Set** a challenge by placing more Pawns around the board to capture.

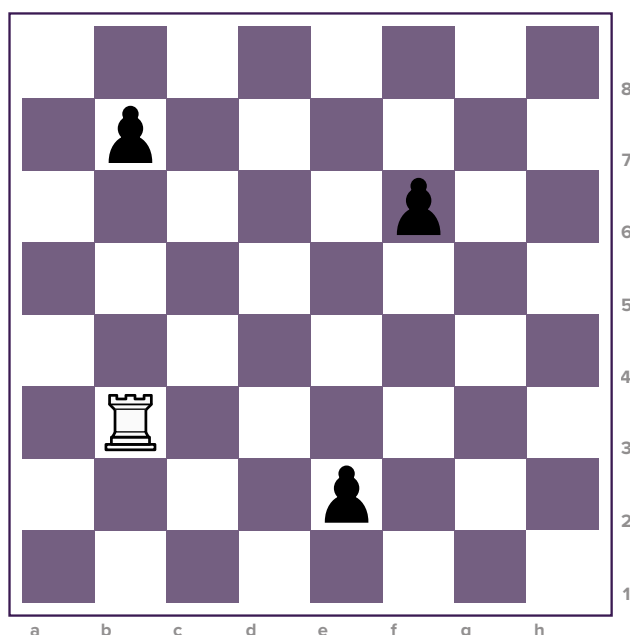


Fig 3: Multiple target dark Pawns.

2 Rooks & Target Pawns (Fig 4)

- 1. Add** one Rook and 3 Pawns for each color to an empty board.
- 2. Place** Pawns of the opposite color of their Rook anywhere on the board.
- 3. Take** turns moving your own Rook toward the target Pawns.
- 4. Change** sides of the board and start again.

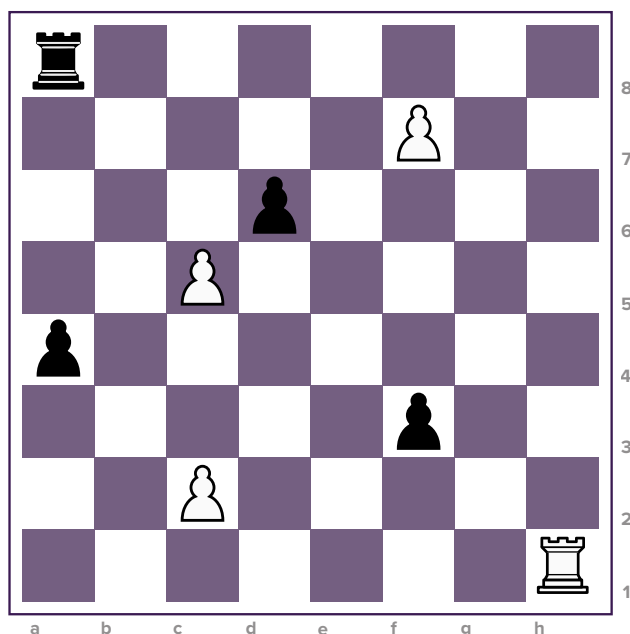
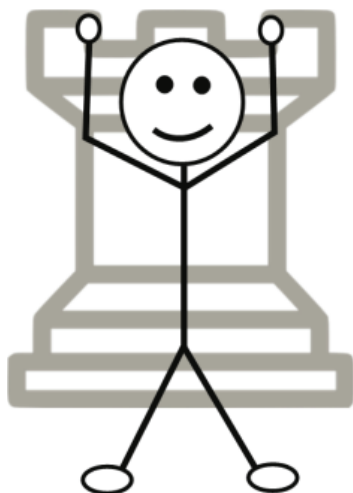


Fig 4: Light & dark target Pawns.



1. Use the Rook flashcard to teach the rhyme, hand motion, and how to move like the Rook.
2. Count the letters in the name Rook -- 1 - 4, clap and spell the name.