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Name	Beginners	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
Objective	Learn basic chess moves and rules required to play a game.	Learn the basics about opening principles, tactics, and endgames. Demonstrate some proficiency. Prepare to enter your first scholastic tournament.	Gain an understanding of chess strategy, more advanced tactics, major openings, and intermediate level endgame play.	Gain deeper understanding of strategy, positional play. Improve calculation. Analyze positions. Employ proper chess thinking.
Vocabulary	capture castle center check checkmate draw en passant endgame files major pieces material middle game minor pieces move opening piece names pieces promotion ranks stalemate threat touch move	adjacent file backrank mate backward pawn calculation candidate move control of the center doubled pawn fianchetto fork hanging isolated pawn opposition passed pawn pawn chain perpetual check pin (absolute & relative) resign sacrifice short/long castle skewer tactics x-ray/discovered attack	active/passive (play or pieces) advantage battery blockade break (as in pawn break) closed game/center deflection dynamic center flank attack interpose local force superiority mainline/variation open file outpost overextended overload passed pawn pawn storm phalanx piece mobility piece out of play positional chess rating semi-open file space strategy strong/weak pieces strong/weak squares tempo tension waiting move	coordination of pieces initiative isolani Lucena position Maroczy bind minority attack opening repertoire pawn structure types (20) Philador position poisoned pawn prophylaxis theory of two weaknesses trebuchet triangulation windmill zugzwang zwischenzug (intermediate move)