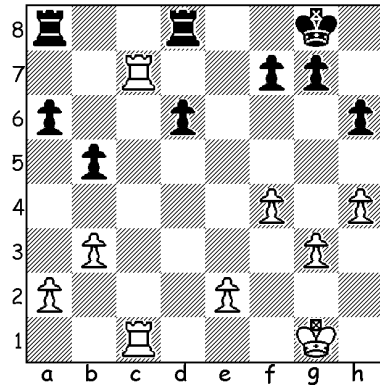


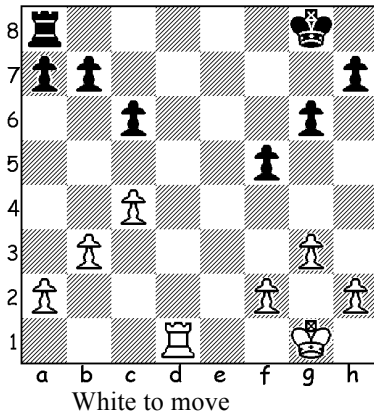
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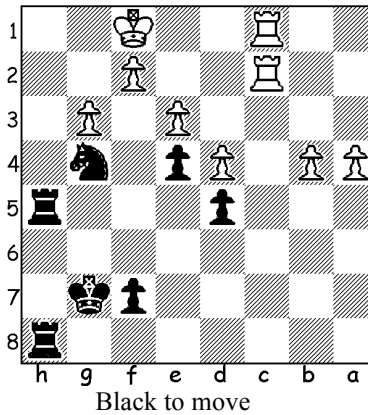
Files without pawns are considered OPEN FILES. Experienced players always try to get control over an open file using major pieces (mostly rooks) which act as tanks on ranks 6,7 (white) or 2,3 (black). Rooks become extremely active on open files, and they can easily regroup from horizontal positions (ranks) into vertical (files). Open files are perfect for batteries (queen and rook, or queen and 2 rooks). A simple white move Rb7 will win a pawn and change the game! (see position below)



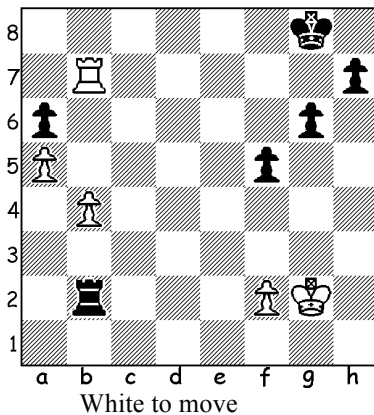
Show the best move for white



Black to move and win



White to move. Play smart!



Promising position for black, but White can easily win a piece!

