

From Chaturanga to Chess

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Many historians say that chess was born in India. In this territory the "*chaturanga*" was played in the 6th century BC. The "*chaturanga*" passed from India to Persia, where received the name of "*shatranj*", in some books the name that observed is of "*schatrandsch*"



The game called "*shatranj*" passed from Persia to Arabia when Arabia conquered Persia in the 7th century AD.

A sample of the game of "*shatranj*" by Arabia can be seen in the name of the piece of the bishop that means elephant in Arabic.

By the 10th century AD the "*shatranj*" had spread to Russia, Western Europe, and North Africa.

When "*shatranj*" arrived to Spain, with a language under construction, various pronunciations and accents, it gave rise to the word "*chess*"



The name "*chess*" was quickly popularized around the world by: That in the 13 century AD the King of Castilla Alfonso X published "*The Book of Game*"; That in 1283 250,000 jews were expeller from Spain who emigrated to other countries; The discovery of America in 1492.

