

Essential Opening Concepts Help Guide

- Controlling the Center – Attacking Center squares with you pieces or Pawns
- Developing Pieces – When ever you move a Knight, Bishop, Rook, Queen, or King off its original square
- King Safety – Getting you King protected, castling works great for this

Diagram 1:

In this diagram the White Pawn advances to the center of the board with e4. Whites Pawn is now attacking the center square d5.

Diagram 2:

In this diagram the Black Pawn advances to the center of the board with e5. Blacks Pawn is now attacking the center square d4.

Diagram 3:

This is tricky because there are two answers. So let's look and make sure we get both! Whites Knight has moved off of its original square. What is that called again? And at the same time the Knight is attacking two center squares e4 and d4. You should have two answers.

Diagram 4:

This is tricky cause there are two answers. So lets look and make sure we get both! Blacks Knight has moved off of its original square. What is that called again? And at the same time the Knight is attacking two center squares e4 and d4. You should have two answers.

Diagram 5:

In this diagram we see that two more moves have been played. For White the move was Bishop to c4 (Bc4) and for Black its Bishop to c5 (Bc5). There are two answers for this diagram as well. First lets look both White and Black have moved one of there Bishops off there original square. You should know what that is called now, and the Black Bishop is attacking the center square d4, and White is attacking the center square d5. You should have two answers.

Diagram 6:

Two answers to this one to. White has castled on the Kingside. Do you think castling and placing your King behind three Pawns is safe? I do. Now look to see if we moved the King and Rook off there original squares. If the King and Rook left there original squares what do we call that? You should have two answers.