

More Queen Sacrifices! Mate in Two “Intermediate” Help Guide

Checkmate: The objective of each of the two players in a game of chess is to win the game by Checkmating the opponents King. A player’s King is Checkmated when the square it occupies is attacked by one or more of the opponent’s pieces and the player has no move that escapes that attack.

All of the diagrams below are Queen sacrifices and Checkmate in two moves. All of the diagrams are White to move.

Diagram 1: Your Queen is able to put the Black King into Check and capture one of his major pieces. When you do so the King is forced to take your Queen. After that happens a simple Pawn push will put Black into Checkmate.

Diagram 2: You want to start this problem off by putting the King into Check with your Queen. The Black Rook will be forced to take your Queen but don’t worry because he is falling right into your trap. You will now be able to Checkmate Black with one of your major pieces. Remember to use your Knight on f6 for protection.

Diagram 3: In the third problem you want to start off by putting the Black King into Check with your Queen. There is only one square you can go that will accomplish this. Don’t worry because you want your Queen to be taken. When your Queen gets captured you can move in for the Checkmate by using your only minor piece that can put the King into Check.

Diagram 4: Just like in the previous problem you want to start off by putting the Black King into Check with your Queen. The Black Knight will be forced to capture your Queen but from here you will be able to win with one key move. Use one of your minor pieces to Checkmate the King.

Diagram 5: This problem is a bit tricky. You want to sacrifice your Queen by moving it to a square that will pin the Black Pawn to the King. Once you do this, the Black Knight will capture your Queen. From here you will be able to move one of your minor pieces to Checkmate the King. You only have one minor piece that will be able to do this.

Diagram 6: In this diagram you want to start off by putting the King into Check with your Queen. Black will be forced to take your Queen and from here you can put the King back into Check with your only remaining major piece. Don’t worry about being taken because your Bishop on h6 is protecting you.