



GM Magnus Carlsen (Current World Champion) plays GM Viswanathan Anand (former World Champion) [source](#)

Background

Critical Moments or Positions: One important skill for a chess player is to feel the moment in a game when you really have to think hard and make an important decision. How do sense such critical moments? Critical moments are not taken lightly and are usually dynamic or tense moments during a game. Critical moments can be found using chess engines or in hindsight analysis, but usually reflect a turning point, tactic or combination, that ultimately decides the trajectory of a game.

Question

- Who are some of the famous Grandmasters?

Goal

- To identify the critical moments in a Grandmaster game and describe the life of a Grandmaster and other influential figures in chess history.

Missions

1. Complete How to become a [Grand Master Study Guide](#).
2. Choose a GM from the list (see below) or choose one from [Wikipedia](#).
3. Create a [Prezi](#), poster or presentation that addresses the following points (place a link on your blog to the prez):

- a. Biographical section
 - i. name
 - ii. rating
 - iii. birth - death
 - iv. nationality and country currently residing in
 - v. age
 - vi. titles held
 - vii. pictures of GM playing chess
- b. Featured Game
 - i. use chessgames.com
 - ii. analyze the game using annotations (see [Annotation Study Guide](#))
 - iii. identify critical position or moment
 - iv. pgn file
 - v. diagram of critical moment or position
 - vi. when, where, who, what tournament
- c. Life section
 - i. describe the players interests or hobbies
 - ii. interesting aspects of personality
- d. Multimedia section
 - i. links
 - ii. video links
- e. Citations

List of Chess Players

1. Magnus Carlsen
2. Levon Aronian
3. Bobby Fischer
4. Garry Kasparov
5. Judit Polgar
6. Alexandra Kosteniuk
7. Alexandra Botez
8. Irina Krush
9. Anna Zatonskih
10. Jennifer Shahade
11. Paul Morphy
12. Vladimir Kramnik
13. Veselin Topalov
14. Vassily Ivanchuk
15. Hikaru Nakamura
16. Mikhail Botvinnik
17. Alexander Alekhine
18. Jose Capablanca

19. Emmanuel Lasker
20. Wilhelm Steinitz
21. Anatoly Karpov
22. Viswanathan Anand
23. Mikhail Tal
24. Boris Spassky
25. Akiba Rubinstein
26. Aaron Nimzovitsch
27. Tigran Petrosian
28. Gata Kamsky
29. Alexander Grischuk
30. Sophie Millet
31. Anish Giri
32. Wang Yue
33. Susan Polgar
34. Ruslan Ponomarev
35. Max Euwe
36. Jeremy Silman
37. Howard Staunton
38. Francois-Andre' Philidor
39. Ruy Lopez de Segura
40. Johannes Zuckertort
41. Maurice Ashley
42. Siegbert Tarrasch
43. Rudolph Spielman
44. Miguel Najdorf
45. Savielly Tartakower
46. Nigel Short

Grading Rubric:

Each component is graded on 0 - 5 scale (0 = did not do, 1 = did not demonstrate mastery, 2 = weakly demonstrated mastery, 3 = mastery with many errors, 4 = mastery with some errors, 5 = perfect!).

Presentation

Knowledge _____

Content _____

Organization _____

Aesthetics _____

Featured Game _____

Important Tournaments _____

Biography _____

Citations _____

Game Analysis

Knowledge _____

Content _____

Total (x2) _____ **(100 points)**