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# GREAT MOVES: Learning Chess Through History

**A Fun New 10 Class Series that Teaches Chess in its Historical Context**

**Tuesday evenings, March 5 through May 14, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm**

at the **Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library**  
**1298 NE 37th Street, Oakland Park, FL 33334**  
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You can register under **Events** at [www.SunriseChessCenter.org](http://www.SunriseChessCenter.org) or call the library.

NSCF Senior Instructor Chris Goldthorpe, will present a 10-week class featuring lectures, chess problem-solving, fun games and competitive play. The class is open to all students and interested adults. **There is no pre-requisite other than a reading level of 5th grade or above.** The class is for beginner through intermediate level players.

“Great Moves” traces the development of chess from its origins in ancient India and takes the student on a far-ranging journey through the palaces of medieval and Renaissance Europe to the cafés of the Enlightenment and the dawn of the Industrial Age, with a focus on the leading personalities of the royal game and on their contributions to the understanding of it.

In his book, *The Development of Chess Style*, Grandmaster and former world champion Dr. Max Euwe shared that studying the history of chess can help you to improve your playing ability:

The history of chess (under its present rules) is the study of growth and gradual change of the strategic ideas of leading players of succeeding generations. Taking note of this evolution and thoroughly grasping it is the very thing which makes for better judgment and an increase in playing strength. The development of a chess player runs parallel with chess itself, a study of the history of playing methods therefore has great practical value.

### **What People Are Saying About “Great Moves”**

“An exciting new idea which makes the game’s rich history come alive. I can see Great Moves becoming as popular with adults as it will surely be for students.” – **Judit Polgar, Grandmaster and Chess Educator**

“A long needed scholastic workbook that places chess within the history of ideas and brings students into practical contact with the evolution of chess thought.” – **Dr. Jeff Bulington, 2018 UT Dallas Chess Educator of the Year**

“The authors take readers through a deep analysis of the game’s ties to politics, culture, and religions, creating a fascinating timeline about how the modern game was shaped by the past, how the game has adapted, and how these nuances can influence strategy for the present-day.” – **The Children’s Book Review**

**These classes are free thanks to The Friends of the Ethel M. Gordon Oakland Park Library.**