

# The Middlegame

## Strategies + Tactics

- 1 Have all your moves fit into a definite **plan**
- 2 When you are ahead in material trade as many pieces as you can, **especially Queens**
- 3 Avoid **doubled, isolated** and **backward** Pawns
- 4 **Free yourself** from cramped positions by trading pieces
- 5 **Don't expose your King** while the enemy Queen is still on the board
- 6 All combinations are based on **double-attack**
- 7 When your opponent has a piece **exposed** look for a double-attack
- 8 **Open a file** (sometimes a diagonal) to attack the enemy King with your heavy pieces
- 9 **Centralize** the action of your pieces
- 10 The best defense is a **counter-attack**

These ideas were distilled by Rueben Fine, I merely simplified them further.



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