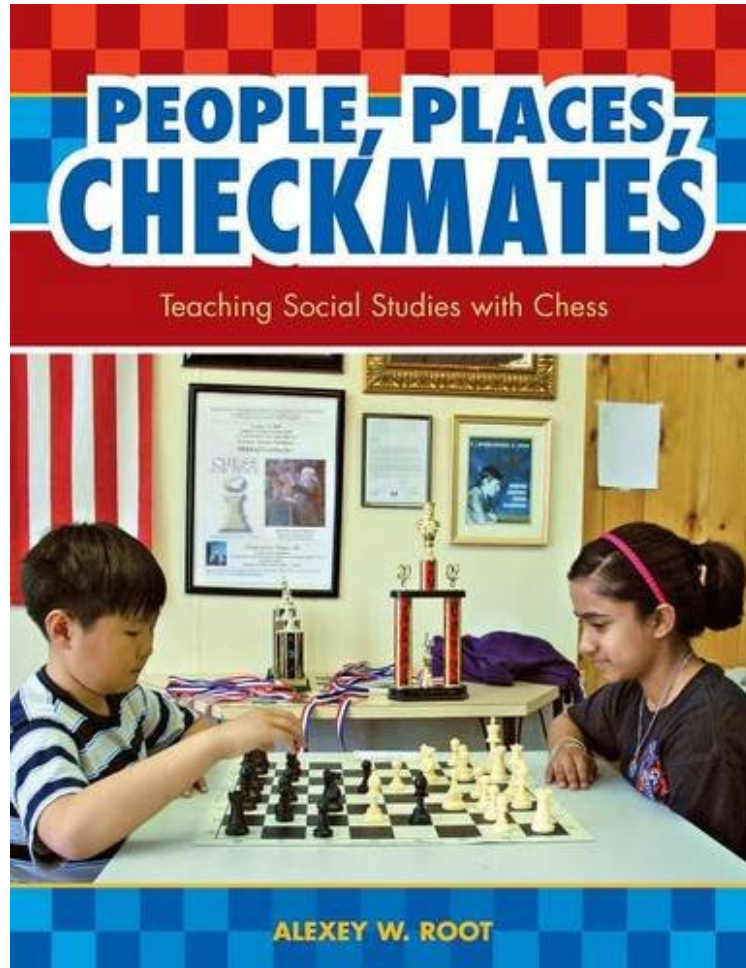


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cumbersome to read, lessons not clearBy Magaly Medina-PerezWow- I am introducing my world history class to chess this year and was very excited about this book. The author says they were a teacher but these are the most cumbersome lesson plans I've ever read. The author goes into long explanations that point you to other sources. For lesson 3 the materials and sources is 3 paragraphs long. "to correctly mark Baghdad (Iraq), Merv (Mary, Turkmenistan) (4 more cities with 2 names)... On your chalk or dry- erase board, look up those cities in Silk Road Seattle (Neelis, 2002). The cities are in a line sloping gently northeast (from Baghdad to Dunhuang) and then the line turns southeast (from Dunhuang to Chang'an). Three of the cities... are closer to each other than to the other cities. Etc. etc.". Really? The author couldn't have sketched a map for us to follow?

Then exercise 2 which is also labeled 2.5, says to look for the solution in Appendix A. The answer comes on the page before the answer to 2.1. Appendix A is difficult to follow and read. The copies of student work are poor copies of work done in pencil and difficult to read. I will add it to my book shelf as a resource but will be counting on myself to write my curriculum.

Fifteen chess-enhanced lesson plans address National Council for the Social Studies standards for grades 4-8 and help prepare students to succeed in University Interscholastic League (UIL) Chess Puzzle. 25 reproducibles, such as letters home to parents and worksheets 15 photographs of famous chess players and of students playing chess 28 chess diagrams and 7 examples of student work A chronology of chess from ancient times to the present A glossary of 90 chess terms from past and present, such as chatrang and en passant

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