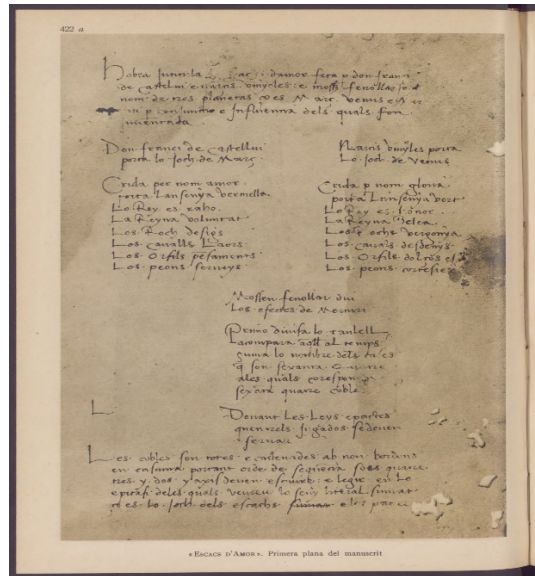


THE RELATION BETWEEN CHESS AND LITERATURE

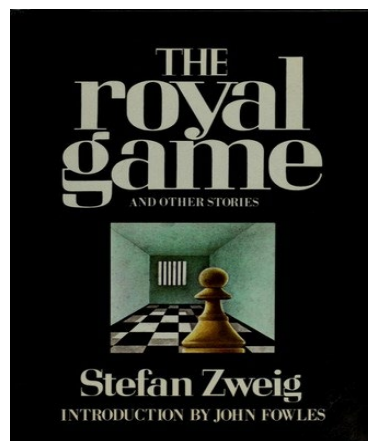
The earliest known reference to chess in a European text is a Medieval Latin poem, *Versus de scachis* the estimated date of 997.

After chess became gradually more popular in Europe in the 15th and 16th centuries, particularly in Spain and Italy, many artists began writing poems using chess as a theme. *Scachs d'amor* (Catalan: *Chess of love*), written by an unknown artist in the end of the 15th century, describes a game between Mars and Venus.



One of the most effective works of chess-related art is Marco Girolamo Vida's *Scaccia ludus* (1527), centered on a game played between Apollo and Mercury on Mount Olympus.

Since the 19th century, artists have been creating novels related to chess. Sometimes, they are inspired by famous games, like John Brunner's *The Squares of the City*, structured after the famous match between Wilhelm Steinitz and Mikhail Chigorin. The most popular novel that inspired by chess is Stefan Zweig's *The Royal Game* (1943).



THE EXAMPLES OF CHESS IN THEATRE

- The Tempest (1610) by William Shakespeare
- A Game at Chess (1624) by Thomas Middleton
- Endgame (1957) by Samuel Beckett

THE RELATION BETWEEN CHESS AND TELEVISION

“The Chess Dispute (1903)” is the first cinematic thing about chess. It was a one-minute comedy by British film pioneer Robert William Paul.

The most famous movies and series that used chess are: Blade Runner (1982), Searching for Bobby Fischer (1993), Geri’s Game (1997), X-Men (2000), Harry Potter and Sorcerer’s Stone (2001), Bobby Fischer Against the World (2011), Pawn Sacrifice (2014), The Queen’s Gambit (2020)



THE RELATION BETWEEN CHESS AND PAINTING

As the popularity of the game became widespread during the 15th and 16th centuries, so too did the number of paintings depict the subject. Continuing into the 20th century, artists created works related to the game often taking inspiration from the life of famous players or well-known games. Artists drawn their inspirations from the life of players.

The examples of paintings about chess:

- *I Giocatori di Scacchi (The Chess Players)* (c. 1590) by Ludovico Carracci
- *Arabes jouant aux échecs (Arabs Playing Chess)* (1847) by Eugène Delacroix
- *Les Joueurs d'échecs (The Chess Players)* (1863) by Honoré Daumier

- *The Chess Players* (1876) by Thomas Eakins
- *The Chess Players* (1929) by John Lavery



THE EXAMPLES OF CHESS IN VIDEO GAMES

Parasite Eve 2 (2000), Killer7 (2005) and Deadly Premonition (2010) used the chess theme in some part of their video games.

THE EXAMPLES OF CHESS IN MUSICS

- *Checkmate*, a ballet by the composer Arthur Bliss
- *Chess*, a musical by Tim Rice and Björn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson of ABBA