



GREAT MOVES: Learning Chess Through History

A curriculum project of the



MEET THE AUTHORS

FIDE Master Sunil Weeramantry
and co-author **Robert McLellan**

will be in the bookstore to autograph copies of their new book

Friday, April 6 from 4 to 5:30 pm

and on

Saturday, April 7 from 11 am to 12 noon and from 4 to 5 pm

Written especially for students with a middle school reading level or above, "Great Moves" is a new cross-curricular textbook from the NSCF that teaches chess and social studies. Tracing the development of chess from its origins in ancient India, the authors take 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 understanding of it. Rogues and champions, tragic as well as inspirational human stories all serve as the backdrop for illustrative games and exercises of increasing complexity highlighting their discoveries, and invite the student to grasp the potential of chess to fascinate.

- *Suitable for classroom and homeschool/self-study*
- *Parents and coaches are enjoying it too!*

What People Are Saying

"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**