

## ***GAMES FROM AROUND THE WORLD***

Following are some popular games and the country or region of their origin.

Achi—Ghana  
Alquerque—Arabia  
Checkers—Europe  
Derrah—Nigeria  
Dominoes—Egypt  
Draughts—France  
Dreidels—Germany (although the game has been a part of Jewish culture)  
Goose Game—France  
Hala-tafl (Fox Game)—Scandinavia  
Konane—Hawaii  
Ko-no—China and Korea  
Lu-lu—Polynesia  
Magic Squares—China, Egypt, India, Western Europe  
Mu-Torere—New Zealand  
Nim—China  
Nine Men's Morris (also known as Mill, Morelles, and Muhle)—Europe  
Ninuki-Renju—Japan  
Nyout—Korea  
Paiute Walnut Shell Game—Paiute Indians (Nevada)  
Parcheesi—India  
Patolli—Aztecs (Mexico)  
Pipopipette (also known as Boxes)—France  
Pong Hau K'i—China  
Safragat—Sudan  
Seega—Egypt  
Senet—Egypt  
Sey—West Africa  
Shut the Box—France  
Sir Tommy—England  
Snakes and Ladders—India  
Solitaire (the board game)—France  
Tac Tix—Denmark  
Tapatan—Philippines  
Tawlie—Iraq  
Totolospa—Hopi Indians (Southwestern U.S.)  
Wari—West Africa  
Who Crosses the River First?—China  
Yote—West Africa

- After you have finished your research, write a short historical report about your game.
- Obtain or make a sample of your game. If you make it, create a board (if necessary), playing pieces, spinners, dice, etc. Include the object of the game and a copy of written rules.
- Become the expert on your game. With your partner, explain it to some of your classmates and show them how to play.
  
- Be aware that many games have several variations. Choose one.
- During your research, you may find that the country of origin for your game is in dispute. Try to find at least two sources that agree and use the information they provide. If all of your sources provide different information, choose one. Be sure to record the source.
- As you research, look for the following information:
  - History of your game
  - Object of the game
  - Number of players
  - Types of playing pieces
  - Rules
  - How math is involved in your game
  - Any special evidence of the culture from which the game evolved