



## INGREDIENTS & MATERIALS

- 48 of the same pieces, anything can be used: marbles, stones, candies, coins, or whatever you decide!
- Egg carton
- Scissors
- Glue (hot glue preferred)



## THIS LESSON SUPPORTS KINDERGARTEN TO FOURTH GRADE

Art

VA: CR 1.2, 1.2,3a

VA: PR 5, 1,2,3a

Social Studies

K.3a, b, 1.1b, c, 1.2a, 2.2b, 3.4a,

3.8a

In this lesson we will learning and creating the game of Mancala. Mancala was created in Africa around 1300 years ago! It is one of the worlds oldest known games. It came to America in the minds of enslaved Africans and immigrants, and is still played today! This is not only a fun craft, but an educational one, parents, teachers, or caregivers, can not only facilitate this project as an art craft but also use it to inform children about games, sportsmanship, and rule following. As well as giving them some background on this game!

## ASSEMBLY DIRECTIONS

- STEP 1** Take your egg carton and cut off the flap with scissors.
- STEP 2** Cut the top into thirds (you can toss the middle portion)
- STEP 3** Glue the cut pieces to the base of the egg holder portion, this step should create two 'baskets' at the end of the carton.
- STEP 4** Place 4 game pieces in each of the holes, while none in the 'baskets.'
- STEP 5** Read the instructions below and play Mancala!

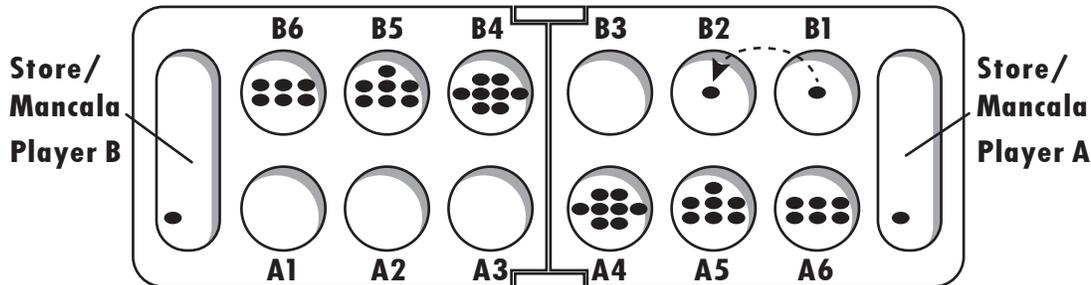


## PLAYING INSTRUCTIONS

- STEP 1** The game begins with one player picking up all of the pieces in any one of the pockets on his/her side.
- STEP 2** Moving counter-clockwise, the player deposits one of the stones in each pocket until the stones run out.
- STEP 3** If you run into your own Mancala (store), deposit one piece in it. If you run into your opponent's Mancala, skip it and continue moving to the next pocket.
- STEP 4** If the last piece you drop is in your own Mancala, you take another turn.

**STEP 5** If the last piece you drop is in an empty pocket on your side, you capture that piece and any pieces in the pocket directly opposite.

(See figure below: In this image, player B has moved his/her piece from space B1- B2. By occupying the empty pocket on his/her side, player B earns THAT piece IN ADDITION TO the pieces in pocket A5 on the opposite side)



**STEP 6** Always place all captured pieces in your Mancala (store).

**STEP 7** The game ends when all six pockets on one side of the Mancala board are empty.

**STEP 8** The player who still has pieces on his/her side of the board when the game ends captures all of those pieces.

**STEP 9** Count all the pieces in each Mancala. The winner is the player with the most pieces.

## VOCABULARY

**BOARD GAME:** Any game played on a board, especially one that involves the movement of pieces on the board.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Detailed information telling how something should be done, in this case playing Mancala.