

"Lights, Camera, Literacy! PART TWO"
Learning from Tom Murphy
ANSWER KEY

Listen closely to Tom Murphy speaking in the video and fill in the blanks with his missing words.

He says in his narration...

Most people who come here have a joy for the game and they want to get better. You have to look at the psyche. Most people want to beat the BEST.

Everybody wants to beat Tiger Woods. Right? You could consider me the TIGER WOODS of Dupont Circle.

I have a particular book: *THE* NEW *CHESS PLAYER*. It's an older book, but what it does...They'll explain, move by move, some of the better principles out in the open.

- 1) Number one is king SAFETY.
- 2) The fight for the CENTER.
- 3) Every piece needs a good, effective JOB. and...
- 4) You don't want to allow the enemy to cross the border and STAY.

As a result, most people play PAWN to QUEEN 4. It's already defended by the QUEEN and activates TWO pieces. Black responds in kind and now white starts the fight to control the CENTER.

I'm an expert. Right now I'm working to get my master's TITLE, in which case I will be able to charge twenty-five bucks an HOUR.

Most of the people who have seen me, they know I play pretty good. They know that I'm capable of enhancing their GAME, and everybody wants to beat the KING of the game!

What SPEED chess does is it tests. What we're talking about is making sixty moves in about sixty SECONDS. Every move has to be a quality move. There is an adrenaline rush that goes along with it. The challenge of whether or not I can keep up with him or he can keep up with ME. Most of the time, they're struggling to keep up with me. And I love it when they're moving FAST, trying to run me out of time. Of course, the fighting part...That's what everybody LOVES.

One of the good things about Dupont Circle and this particular section of Northwest...There's a collection of different SPIRITS...people from all walks of life, economic STATUS. None of that matters across the CHESS BOARD.

I play every day...

- 1) An education.
- 2) Cheaper than a MOVIE.
- 3) And a whole lot more entertainment.

And most folks, if they see me playing for any length of time, they quickly notice he knows what he is talking about. You can play for FREE, you can play for a gentlemanly wager, Either way, you're guaranteed to get a quality GAME going.

I was working for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. That's an environmental firm, but like most people with an artistic temperament, I got tired of it. And in the meantime, I supplement it with money out here.

My goal used to be to be a G.M. (Grand Master)...become the first Black U.S. Chess Champion. I still DREAM about that. That's one of the things that keeps me coming back to chess.