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Step by Step: Tactics

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Step by Step: Tactics is designed to improve your basic tactical skills. For best results, play the position out over-the-board and think for as long as you need without moving the pieces. You can also print out this page and use it as a workbook exercise in a classroom setting.

After the moves 1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nf3 e5 6.Bb5 cxd4 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.cxd4 Ba6 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.dxe5 Qe4+ 11.Be3 Rd8, how did White win the game?



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| Checkmate | Fork |
| Deflection | Pin |
| Discovered Attack | Removing the Guard |
| Double Attack | Skewer |
| En Prise | Trapped Piece |

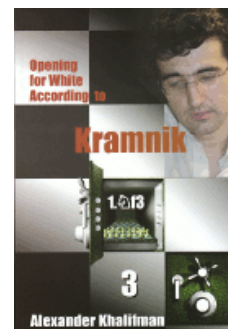
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Answer: 12.Qxd8+ Kxd8 13.0-0-0+ unpins the knight on c3.

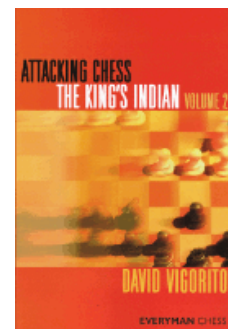
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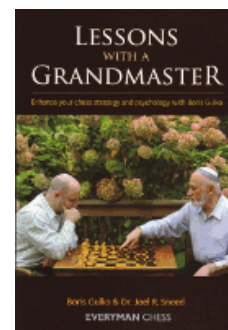
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