Mancala

More than Just a Game

The Basics

- Broad category of board games
- Origins in early Africa
- Oldest board found in 4th Century Egypt, but almost certainly older due to nature of game setup
- One of the oldest continuously played games in the world
- Played everywhere African trade and diaspora has spread
- Oware most common





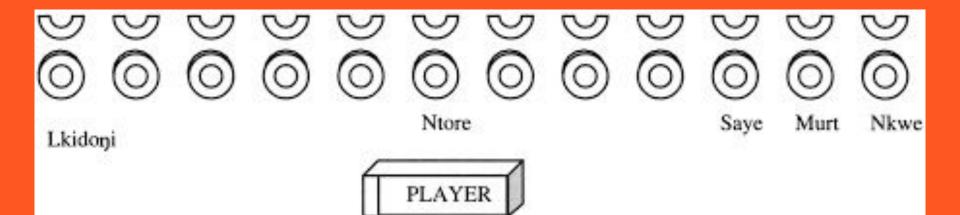
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Samburu mancala



- Exclusively played by men
- Simulation of social conflicts
- Transmission of social norms and taboos
- Celebration and remembrance of personal and group history
- Opportunity for boasting
- Generational and
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gameplay simulating life

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Gameplay Example



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0yvgV8kTmfk

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