

Round Merils

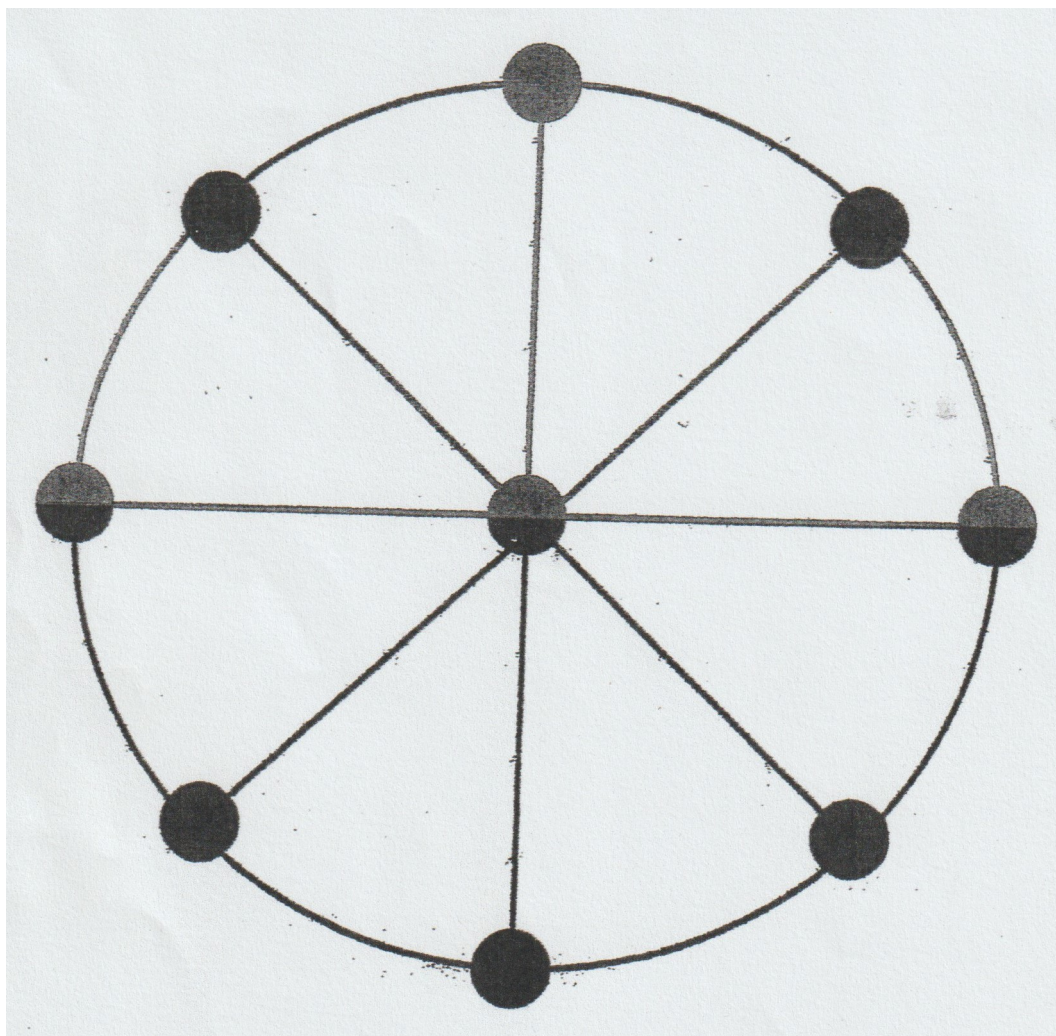
Setting Up

Two players each have three counters of the same colour (you could make your own from paper or card, and add coloured dots or symbols for each player)

How to Play

The players alternately place a counter on any of the nine spots on the board, attempting to form a straight row of three across the diameter of the circle. When the six counters have all been placed, play continues by players alternately moving a counter to an adjacent spot.

The winner is the first to form the line of three; the only way to do so is to occupy the central spot but the holder of the spot can be forced to move!



Roman Discoveries

We know the Romans enjoyed and played several different board games. There are mosaics and wall paintings illustrating them. Excavations have revealed stones with games boards scratched onto them as well as the very occasional remains of wooden boards. Playing counters made from pottery, glass or bone and dice are quite common finds.

Instructions or rules for the game are more difficult to find, although there are a few Roman records or contemporary accounts (writing from the time) that were written by the Romans who played these games, we usually have to remake the rules by looking at all the discoveries that people have found.