

THE GAME OF FIVE LINES



- Five Lines is one of the oldest board games known, coming from Ancient Greece where it was originally known as *Pente Grammai*.
- Five Lines was also known as 'The Game of the Heroes', and it seems to have been regarded as a noble game
- Descriptions of the game also occur in Roman literature, and boards with 5 x 2 rectangular grids have been found scratched into the pavements of many Roman towns.

Rules for Playing ' Five Lines

- Each player has different coloured pieces
- Each player places five pieces on opposing sides of the board, one piece being placed in each square
- The central two squares on the board (darker in colour) are known as the *Sacred Line*
- Pieces always move anticlockwise
- The two players take it in turns to alternately roll a single dice to determine their moves
- Pieces may land only on a vacant square, or on the *Sacred Line*
- Players must make a move if it is possible to do so (otherwise that throw is forfeit)
- The winner is the first to assemble all five of their pieces on the *Sacred Line*

