

Empire of Wonders

Ages: 14+
2 to 7 Players

Physical Game Components

Board, 7 Player Pieces, 7 Player Boards, 49 Trivia/Event Cards, 49 Resource Cards, X Resource Pieces, X Gems, Two Six-Sided Die

Introduction:

Empire of Wonders is a competitive board game for 7 players, where each player takes on the role of an emperor leading their civilization to construct the grandest world wonder. The game is played over a series of rounds, with each round representing a significant era in history.

Game Rules

Object of the Game:

Build your wonder the quickest! Using tactical play, trade and moving around the board to acquire materials and build your empire!

Setup:

Player Setup:

Everyone chooses their desired empire to play as. It can be chosen at random or by a dice roll. Each character has 2 stats(Attack, Defense). Based on which emperor they are, they will have an attack buff or defense buff, this buff will give them an extra roll in combat. Each player starts with 100 gold and they passively earn 100 gold each turn, this number will change depending on how many gems they acquire. The players roll the two die and the highest number gets to pick which Tier 1 resource will be their natural resource. No more than 2 people can have the same natural resource. From there, each player receives their piece acquisition card/bank card. Then you must fill in your requirements, found in the Wonder Piece Section.

Wonder Piece	Natural Resource Cost	Gold Cost	Infrastructure	Resource Cost Tier	Variety Needed	Total Resource	Actual pieces
ONE	30	200	5	T1	2	10	2
TWO	60	400	6	T1	2	20	4
THREE	120	650	7	T1	2	30	6
				T2	1	10	1
FOUR	200	1000	8	T1	2	40	8
				T2	2	20	4
FIVE	200	2000	9	T1	3	80	24
				T2	2	80	16

Empire Setup:

The same order of determining the natural resource is used to decide which gate to set your empire board in front of. This gives the players with the higher dice roll the advantage of setting themselves up to get the resources from their first card quicker.

Passive Increments Per Tier					
Gold increases with Gems.					
*Natural Resources increases with Game Pieces.					
Gate Toll increases when player gains Game pieces.					
GOLD		Natural Resources		Player Gate Toll	
Start	100	Start	10	Start	\$10
1 Gem	150	1th piece	15	1th piece	\$50
2 Gem	200	2th piece	20	2th piece	\$100
3 Gem	400	3th piece	25	3th piece	\$200
4 Gem	800	4th piece	30	4th piece	\$400
5 Gem	1600	5th piece	35	5th piece	\$1,000

You receive your passive income and natural resource allowance at the beginning of each round.

Round Manager:

One player must keep track of the current round number. Rounds end once every player goes.

Play:

Each player places their character piece on the space in front of their player board. The same player order used in the game setup is used for which player gets to move first, then the turn moves to that player's right. The leading player rolls the two six-sided dice and moves that amount in either left or right.

Based on the space you land on, you could gain more resources through trivia cards, stumble upon extra resources by getting a resource card, gain extra movement by finding new routes, gain the ability to steal resources from another player, or invoke natural disasters that wreak havoc on the board.

You could also decide to go to a resource gate in order to buy the resources you need to build your wonder.

Once you've gathered all the necessary resources for the piece you are attempting to build, you must return to your territory to buy and build it.

Wonder Piece:

(Write down the other three tier one resources on your wonder piece card, then choose two random tier two resources by pulling them from the resource cards and write them down as well)

Wonder Piece One: 3 Natural Resource, 1 Tier One Resource, 1 Tier One Resource, 200 Gold, 5 Infrastructure

Wonder Piece Two: 6 Natural Resource, 1 Tier One Resource, 1 Tier One Resource, 400 Gold, 6 Infrastructure

Wonder Piece Three: 12 Natural Resource, 3 Tier One Resource, 3 Tier One Resource, 1 Tier Two Resource, 650 Gold, 7 Infrastructure

Wonder Piece Four: 20 Natural Resource, 4 Tier One Resource, 4 Tier One Resource, 2 Tier Two Resource, 2 Tier Two Resource, 1000 Gold, 8 Infrastructure

Wonder Piece Five: 20 Natural Resource, 8 Tier One Resource, 8 Tier One Resource, 8 Tier One Resource, 8 Tier Two Resource, 8 Tier Two Resource, 2000 Gold, 9 Infrastructure

Resources:

Every 5 rounds there is +10 gold in price to the tier 1 resources, and +20 to the tier 2 resources.



Gates:

To enter a resource gate you must pay the current gate price to the person who owns it. If you do not want to collect resources but rather just enter Petra you still must pay the gate price.

Petra (Center of the Board):

When inside Petra you can do any of the available actions in one turn. You can buy gems, trade/batte, and buy and build your piece (if you enter through your gate) all in one turn. You must leave Petra the next turn. Once in Petra you can try and roll a 10 or higher to successfully exit out of a different gate. If you fail, you must exit the way you came.

Shortcut Spaces:

Move a certain amount forward in either direction.

**Natural Disaster Spaces:**

7 spots on the board triggered when landed on, causing all players to move 7 spaces

Resource Card Spaces:

Pull a resource card.

Event/Trivia Spaces:

Pull a card from the event/trivia deck.

Steal Space:

Player gains the ability to steal something from someone who is actively purchasing a resource (except gems) through a battle (active till used once)

Resource Cards:

Gain the amount of that particular resource stated on that card.

Event Cards:

Each has their own effects.

Trivia Cards:

Resources on the cards are awarded to all players who get the correct answer.



Trading/Attacking:

Attacks and Trades can only be initiated in Petra. Once one player is in Petra they can trade with anyone on the board. Anything that can be acquired can be traded except for gems. Attacks can only be initiated after a failed trade (someone not agreeing to a peaceful trade). The person being attacked will be able to rebuttal once for a final attempt. If that is also not successful, to start an attack the attacker rolls and the defender does the same. The (+) on either stat allows you to roll an extra turn giving you a higher chance to get a greater number.



Gems:

Used to increase your passive gold income and to beautify your board. They can not be traded and are bought in Petra, taking into effect after the round is over. You can buy more than one in a turn.

Build your Wonder:

Once returning to your home gate, to build your wonder you must reach the requirements on the active wonder card. To actually erect your piece on your board you must roll a dice to achieve the expected amount of infrastructure and pay the said gold amount. Once you get the number then your build is successful! Each piece has an expected infrastructure number that must be met each time for a successful build. Once you successfully build a Wonder Piece, you must update your Wonder Card based on the values in this rule book under (Wonder Pieces).



Trivia Answers

Great Wall of China -

- Question - Who started building the wall? Answer - Qin Shi Huang
- Question - When was the Great Wall started? Answer - 220 B.C.E
- Question - Why was the Great Wall Built? Answer - To protect from nomadic invaders.
- Question - Where does the Great Wall start and end? Answer - Starts in the Bohai Sea, End in the Gobi Desert
- Question - What was primarily used to build the Great Wall? Answer - Stone Bricks
- Question - How long is the Great Wall? Answer - 13,171 miles
- Question - How long did it take to construct the Great Wall? Answer - 2000 years

Colosseum -

- Question - Who started building the Colosseum? Answer - Vespasian
- Question - When was the Colosseum constructed? Answer - 80 A.D
- Question - Why was the Colosseum built? Answer - Entertainment Venue
- Question - Where was the Colosseum built? Answer - Rome, Italy
- Question - What was used to build the Colosseum? Answer - Stone and Concrete
- Question - How many trap doors were in the Colosseum? Answer - 36
- Question - What gesture did emperors do in the Colosseum to express their enjoyment of the events? Answer - Raise Thumb up or down

Machu Picchu:

- Question: Where is Machu Picchu?
Answer: Peru , Bonus: Cuzco
- Question: When was Machu Picchu built?
Answer: 1450 AD
- Question: What civilization ruled Machu Picchu?
Answer: Inca Empire
- Question: What's Peru's most plentiful metal?
Answer: Gold
- Question: When did The War of the Pacific start?
Answer: 1879 , Bonus: Ended in 1883
- Question: Where does the Amazon River start?
Answer: Peru , Bonus: Arequipa

Chichen Itza:

- Question: Where is Chichen Itza?
Answer: Mexico , Bonus: Yucatan
- Question : When was Chichen Itza built?

Answer: 600 A.D

- Question: What civilization ruled Chichen Itza?
Answer: Mayans
- Question: How long did the Aztec Empire last?
Answer: 200 years
- Question: In what country were the first cacao plants / chocolate found?
Answer: Mexico
- Question: How many languages did the Mayans speak?
Answer: 32

Christ the Redeemer:

- Question: Where is Christ the Redeemer?
Answer: Brazil , Bonus: Rio de Janeiro
- Question : When was Christ the Redeemer built?
Answer: 1931
- What materials were used to build Christ the Redeemer?
Answer: Concrete and Soapstone
- Question: Where does the Amazon River end?
Answer: Brazil , Bonus: Belem
- Question: What is the largest country in South America?
Answer: Brazil
- Question:
Answer:

Taj Mahal:

- Question - Who was the Taj Mahal dedicated to? Answer - Shah Jahan's second wife, Mumtaz Mahal
- Question - When was the Taj Mahal built? Answer - 1632 to 1648
- Question - What material was primarily used to build the Taj Mahal? Answer - White Marble
- Question - Where is the Taj Mahal? Answer - Agra, India (bonus points for guessing the city)
- Question - How much did the Taj Mahal cost to build (not counting inflation)? Answer - About 32 million Rupees
- Question - How long did Shah Jahan rule for? Answer - 30 years

Great Pyramid of Giza:

- Question - When was the Great Pyramid of Giza built? Answer - 2589 BCE
- Question - Where was the Great Pyramid of Giza built? Answer - Cairo, Egypt
- Question - When did Emperor Khufu rule over Egypt? Answer - 2575 BCE to 2465 BCE
- Question - What material was primarily used to make the Pyramids? Answer - Limestone
- Question - How tall is the Great Pyramid of Giza? Answer - About 455 feet
- Question - How much does the Great Pyramid of Giza weigh? (Hint: it's more than a million tons) Answer - About 5,570,000 tons