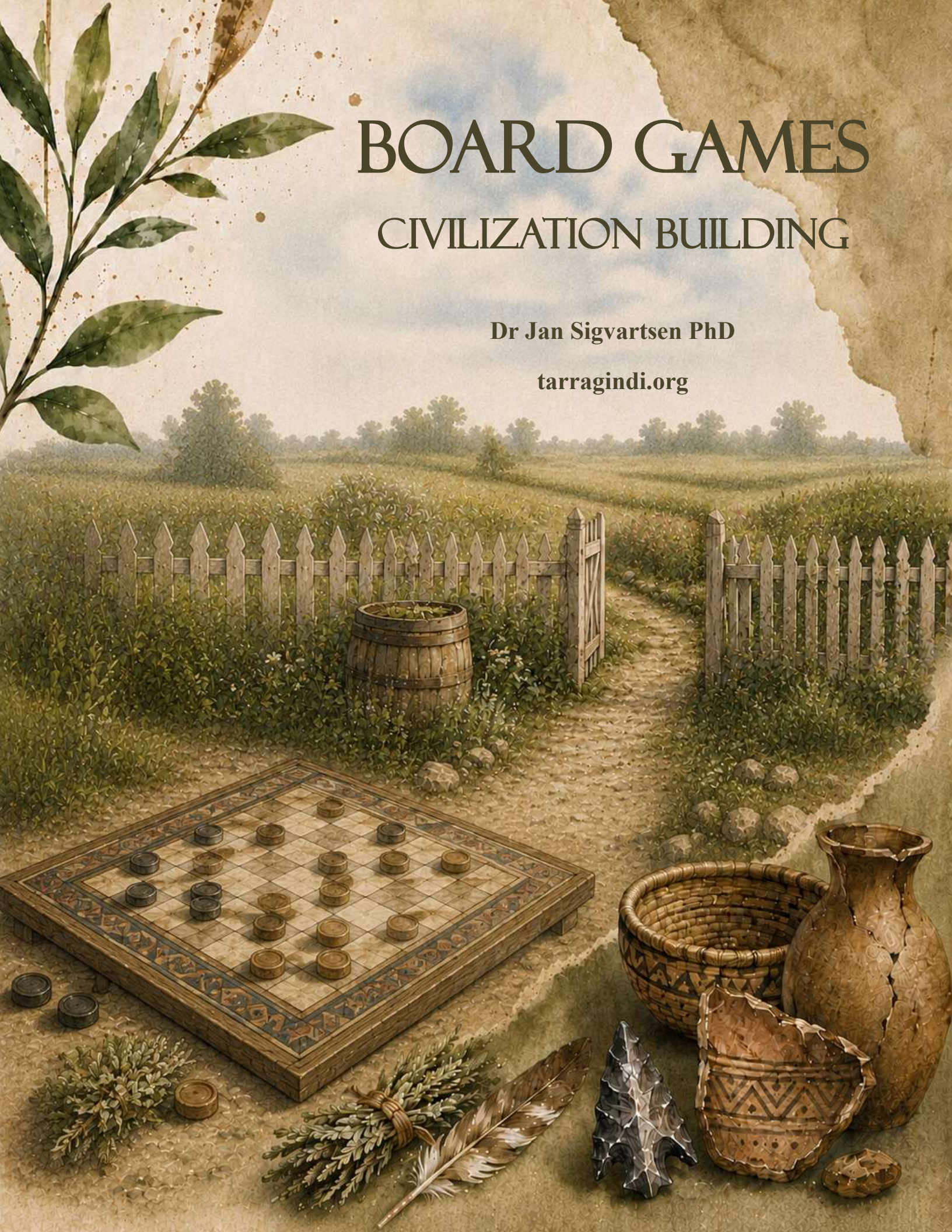


BOARD GAMES

CIVILIZATION BUILDING

Dr Jan Sigvartsen PhD

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Board Games – Civilization Building

CLASS TITLE: Board Games – Civilization Building (ages 10 – 20)
TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16
ADDITIONAL TIME POSSIBLE: Yes, one make-up class has been scheduled (December 3).
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LOCATION: 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR: Dr Jan A. Sigvartsen PhD
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LOCATION REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS, CLASS TIMES

- Orientation for all of Dr Sigvartsen's 12 History, Archaeology, and Genealogy classes will be held on: September 1 **OR** September 3, 6pm – 8pm, 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103
- Your Local History Tour that gives context to your program will be held on: September 12 **OR** September 13, 3pm – 5pm.
- This class is then held every Thursday, from October 15 – December 3 (excluding November 26), 6pm-8pm.

INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS: BA, MA, PhD

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. Build small empires in this board gaming class that teaches you critical thinking, situation analysis, and strategy using civilization-building, and player inclusive, board games from Germany and Europe. Board gaming has been played since ancient times and Dr Sigvartsen (a former Michigan finalist (he came third) in the International Settlers of Catan tournament) wants to revive this lost interpersonal and critical thinking skill.
2. You will learn how to be a good sport, master in-person social gaming, work collaboratively to build alliances, and make new friends in a screen free environment.
3. We select games that simulate real problem solving, strategy, and real small community building decisions. An alternative strategy and critical thinking class for those who do not like Chess.

SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: Weekly approximate breakdown of activities

Week 1 – 2 hours (Tuesday September 1 **OR** Thursday, September 3 - 6pm – 8pm, choose one to attend)

Orientation: at the Tarragindi Archaeology Dig site: 6161 Pheasant Court, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

You will be required to sign a waiver and choose if you want to participate in photographs or not during this program. We will go over expectations, requirements and goals. We will talk about how Dr Jan's programs endeavor to use local history and archaeology as a catalyst to build belonging and a sense of place, and they both can have very advantageous effects on your school work, your potential for success, and your future career.

Week 2 – 2 hours (Saturday, September 12 OR Sunday, September 13 - 3pm – 5pm)

Local History Tour: This semester we are going to Fernwood Botanical Gardens for our local history tour – our treat for you and one parent/guardian, if they want to join us. Siblings not registered in the program or additional parents/grandparents/guardians are welcome, but are responsible for paying for their own discounted entry fee.

Fernwood Botanical Gardens is located at: 13988 Range Line Rd, Niles, MI 49120. Park in the carpark, wait on the patio outside for Dr Jan so we can go in together.

Did you know that a Native American trail went right through this garden and its landscape in the St Joseph river valley makes it almost perfect for settlement both now and 10,000 years ago. We will walk around this historic garden and hear stories of how this beautiful space came about in our community, and over the past 200 years was developed by different people.

Week 3 – 2 hours (Thursday, October 15, 6pm-8pm)

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Settlers of Catan – settling an island and developing a civilization.

Week 4 – 2 hours (Thursday, October 22, 6pm-8pm)

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Dorf – Romantik: you and other players are working together to build a “beautiful small world” by completing tasks requested by the local residents of a “Dorf” or village. See if you can achieve this and keep the residents happy.

Week 5 – 2 hours (Thursday, October 29, 6pm-8pm)

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Ticket to Ride: build a continental railway. We have the Europe, USA, and Asia versions to choose from.

Week 6 – 2 hours (Thursday, November 5, 6pm-8pm)

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Citadels: Build a small city, as the master builder, make decisions to ensure your city gets built.

Week 7 – 2 hours (Thursday, November 12, 6pm-8pm)

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Carcassonne: Build an entire landscape together, with cities, roads and fields, complete these features that may or may not benefit other players too.

Week 8 – 2 hours (Thursday, November 19, 6pm-8pm)

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Seven Wonders: Build one of the seven greatest cities in antiquity. Can you make it last?

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - In addition to the 2 items below, what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?

- 1) Students agree to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Unexcused absences resulting in failure to meet 80% threshold may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The rubric is found on the teacher's online attendance sheet. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, excessive absences, etc. may result in program discontinuation.
- 3) Other class-specific assessment: Engagement in the program, follow through with instruction, and asking good questions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

www.tarragindi.org/resources - page on our website giving links to local history resources.

CLASS-SPECIFIC POLICIES:

Attendance: Students are to attend each week. If they cannot make it one week, or if we have to cancel due to weather, we are happy to reschedule or have student's attend one of our other 12 archaeology or history classes that has some crossover content.

Behavior: To be careful, listen to instructions, identify everything you like about others (not what you don't like about them – ancient and settler communities succeeded through team work), zero tolerance of bullying, report bullying, have fun!

Weather: This is an indoor class, but will be canceled if there is significant snow forecast. All students will be emailed. Dr Sigvartsen will still go down to the Tarragindi property to ensure everyone got his email message.

Other: Be kind to the neighbors by parking in the designated areas, being courteous, and keeping the noise down.