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Snow Day!

# The History of Marbles



Fill in the blanks in this article to learn about a common, everyday game with a long history.

**G**rab a bag with an \_\_\_\_\_ of those little colored balls. They may be striped or speckled, cloudy or clear. They are made of clay, glass, or plastic, and can glitter like a bag of \_\_\_\_\_.

Marbles made of stone and clay have been found in ancient tombs in Egypt. Artwork from ancient Rome shows children playing games with marbles. The Romans brought the game to England. Then the English brought it to America, where George Washington and Thomas Jefferson played marbles. Abraham Lincoln was an \_\_\_\_\_ player.

To set up a game of marbles, draw a large circle on smooth ground. Form an "X" using 13 marbles inside the circle. This is your \_\_\_\_\_. Players gather at the circle's edge. To play, hold a marble between your index finger and thumb. A small \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ it forward. If you hit another marble, you will send it flying. The first player to knock seven marbles out of the circle wins the game.

## Word List

- assortment
- expert
- flick
- jewels
- propel
- target

### Think About It!

What is the first thing you do when you play the game of marbles?