





GAME SETUP

Based on the number of players, arrange the indicated number of Ocean Tiles in the center of the table (diagram right). Tiles are placed faceup or facedown as shown and chosen randomly from the tiles of the indicated cost.



Place Tile Facedown / Faceup

0/1/2

Exploration Cost indicated on the back of the tile (0, 1 or 2)



2 Players



3 Players



Players' City Tiles

Each player should have in front of them, in their color: 1 Action Board (A Side up for your first game) with a Ship's Wheel, 9 Settlers, 1 Exploration Ship, 1 Warship, 6 Exploration Markers, 1 Military Strength Marker, and a Resource Tray.

Players then place their 6 Exploration Markers (A) and 9 Settlers (B) on their player boards, and set their Military Strength Marker to 1 (C).



- Each player places their two Ships on their City Tile.
- 4 Shuffle the Ruins Cards and form a deck with the cards facedown.
- Place the resources in the corresponding Resource Trays in the following quantities:

2 Players: 16 resources in each Resource Tray 3 Players: 23 resources in each Resource Tray 4 Players: 28 resources in each Resource Tray

Put the remaining resources back in the box. The fourth tray serves as a Discard Tray for resources used during the game.



- Place the Gold within reach of all players.
- Choose the first player randomly, then give them the First Player Token.

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As the leader of a powerful civilization, you must explore and settle the islands available to you, with the goal of gaining the most gold possible. Players choose one of four actions on their turn: explore, settle, produce, or engage. The game ends as soon as any one of the resource pools is exhausted. The civilization with the most Gold in their reserves is declared the winner.



ACTION BOARD

Every player has an Action Board (left) divided into four sections, corresponding to the four actions the players will be able to perform during the game:

Explore (1), Settle (2), Produce (3) and Engage (4).

Each action has a mandatory main effect as indicated by the icon in the red circle at the center of the board (turquoise), and optional effects (yellow) that can be used any number of times so long as the player can spend the required resources. Some actions also offer a bonus (pink) if the three Settlers from that section have previously been placed on the board (e.g. if there are no Settlers left on that action's section).

Finally, the Engage section (A) has a Military Strength K track, and the Explore section (B) has a track for the Exploration Markers that players will place throughout the game.

OCEAN TILES

The game board, where players' ships will move, is made up of Ocean Tiles. These tiles include Exploration Spaces (A) and islands. Most islands produce a resource of the indicated type (Food , Craft reports).

An island has 1 to 3 spaces (B) where players can place Settlers in order to exploit the resource produced (only City Tiles (C) have islands that produce different resources).

The Ruins Islands of the Mu Empire (D) give players who place their Settlers there access to Ruins Cards. Some islands without locations are home to Monsters (E), which players can fight with Warships.

ROUND OF PLAY

Starting with the first player, turn order moves around the table in a clockwise direction. On their turn, each player chooses one action, rotating the Ship's Wheel so that the arrow points to the chosen action.

Players are not allowed to select the same action two turns in a row.

Rotating the Ship's Wheel at the start of your turn is required. For your first turn, you may choose whichever of the four actions you like.

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1. The player must move their Exploration Ship up to two faceup tiles away (see Ship Movement and Revealing Tiles box right).



2. The player may, if they wish, move additional spaces by discarding Food Resources . For every Food Resource discarded, the ship may move one additional tile.



Once movement is complete, the player *must* **Explore** the Ocean Tile they've landed on (if it's not already explored by them):

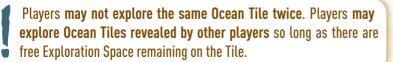
- 3. The player removes the leftmost Exploration Marker from their player board, immediately gaining the amount of Gold indicated on the board beneath the marker.
- 4. The player places their Exploration Marker on one of the available Exploration Spaces on the tile where they completed their movement and immediately applies the indicated effect:



The player gains the amount of Gold indicated.



The player moves one of their Settlers, either from their Action Board or elsewhere on the map, to a free space on this Ocean Tile (see the Settlers box, pg.9).



SHIP MOVEMENT AND REVEALING TILES

- To move a Ship to an adjacent facedown Ocean Tile, the player must discard the number of Food Resources indicated on the back of the tile, flip it faceup to reveal what's there, then move their ship onto the tile. Movement then ends immediately.
- Ships can pass through enemy City Tiles, but can not stop there.
- All Ships can pass through Ocean Tiles containing opposing Warships, but only a Warship can stop on a tile containing an opposing Warship.

See examples on the next page.





PRODUK

1. The player chooses a tile with one or more of their Settlers: each of their Settlers present on the chosen tile produces a resource of the type corresponding to the Settler's location. The player takes the resource(s) from the corresponding tray(s). (See Resources and Gold box below)



The player may discard 2 Weapons Resources to move their Military Strength marker up one space.
 This action can be repeated as many times as desired.



2. The player may discard 2 Craft Resources to gain 3 Gold. This action can be repeated as many times as desired.



4. If all three Settlers from the Produce section of the player's action board were placed prior to the beginning of the current turn, the player gains 1 Gold .



Ruins Spaces are not effected by the Produce action. Ruins Cards can only be gained by placing a Settler.



Gavin turns his Ship's Wheel to the Produce action (A), gaining 1 Gold

since no Settlers are present in the Produce section of his Action

Board (B). He chooses a tile. All of his Settlers present on that tile

produce the resource corresponding to their locations. Gavin therefore

takes 2 Craft Resources (C) and 1 Weapons Resource (D).

However, he does not draw a Ruins Card for the settler placed on the

Ruins Spaces (E). Finally, Gavin discards 4 Craft Resources to gain 6 Gold (F) and 2 Weapons Resources to increase his

Military Strength X by 1 (G).

RESOURCES AND GOLD

- Resources are placed on the displays so that players know the number, but not the nature of their opponents' resources. At the end of any one player's turn, no player at the table may have more than 6 resources on their rack. Any player with more than 6 resources on their display at the end of any player's turn, not just their own, must discard resources of their choice until they are down to 6.
- Discarded resources are removed from the game and placed in the provided Discard Tray.



- If a Resource Tray is empty, the corresponding resource is no longer available.
- Gold is always gained from the supply. It is never taken from another player. Gold is always kept facedown on the table, but players may check the amount of Gold they have at any time.

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1. The player moves their Warship up to two faceup tiles away (see Ship Movement and Revealing Tiles box on pg. 7)



2. The player may, if they wish, move additional spaces by discarding Food Resource . For every Food Resource discarded, the ship may move one additional tile.



Once movement is complete, the player will complete the following actions in the following order: engage an enemy Warship, scare away enemy Exploration Ships and Settlers, and fight a Monster present on the Ocean Tile.

ENGAGE A WARSHIP

At the end of movement, if an enemy Warship is on the destination tile, that player and the current player must fight.

The outcome of the fight will depend on the Military Strength of both players. Military Strength can be increased for the current engagement by spending Weapons Resources :

- At the start of combat, both players take all of their resources into one hand. Each secretly places in their other hand the number of Weapons Resources of they wish to add to their Military Strength ...
- Both players simultaneously reveal the number of Weapons
 Resources
 they have committed to the fight.

The player with the highest Military Strength (Track + Weapons Resources) wins the fight. In case of a tie, the attacker wins. Both players discard spent Weapons Resources . The loser moves their Warship to their City Tile. The winner gains the amount of Gold indicated by the loser's Military Strength Marker.

If the winner is the attacker, provided all three Settlers from the Engage

action section of their Action Board have been placed, they also collect the amount of Gold indicated by their own Military Strength Marker.



Finally, if the Ocean Tile contains any of the loser's Exploration Ships or Settlers, the winner scares them away (see below).

SCARE AWAY ENEMY EXPLORATION SHIPS AND SETTLERS

At the end of movement, if the Ocean Tile on which the player's Warship is located does not contain an opposing Warship, or after having won an engagement with an enemy Warship already present, the current player causes Exploration Ships and Settlers on the same Tile to flee in terror:

- Opposing players move their present Exploration Ships onto their City Tiles. They move their present Settlers either to the free spaces on their Action Board or to the free spaces on their City Tile (in this case, they collect the resources corresponding to the destination spaces, see the Settlers box on pg. 9).
- The attacking player gains 1 Gold for each Exploration Ship or Settler they scare away.



MILITARY STRENGTH GAUGE

The Military Strength gauge, part of the **Engage** action on the Action Board, provides two pieces of information:

- The number covered by the marker indicates the player's Military Strength (In the illustration here, it is 3).
- The amount of Gold a player's opponent will win if they defeat said player in an engagement (see rules above). The amount of gold depends on the position of the marker: 1 Gold if the marker is at 1 or 2, 2 Gold at 3 or 4, 3 Gold at 5, and 4 Gold at 6.

ENGAGE A MONSTER

At the end of movement, if there is an undefeated Monster present on the Ocean Tile, the Warship may choose to engage it. The player's Military Strength X and the Monster's Strength X are compared. Military Strength X can be increased for the current engagement by spending Weapons Resources !

► If the player's Military Strength X is greater than or equal to the Monster's Strength XX the player wins the engagement. All spent Weapons Resources / are then discarded.

The player gains the amount of gold indicated on the Monster. A Slain Monster Token is placed on the Monster to show that it can no longer be fought.



If the player wins the fight, they also collect the amount of Gold indicated by their Military Strength Marker, provided all three Settlers from the **Engage** section of their Action Board have been placed.

If a Warship ends its movement on a tile containing both an opposing Warship AND an undefeated Monster, the player must first choose to fight the Monster in the same turn.



Joe sets his Ship's Wheel to the Engage Action (A). He moves his Warship two tiles (B), and chooses to fight the Monster there. Joe spends a Weapons Resource / to raise his Military Strength to 5 for this fight. (4 Military Strength to n his Action Board + 1 Weapons Resource /) (C). He wins the fight and discards the spent Weapons Resource ... Joe gains the amount of Gold indicated on the Monster (6 Gold) (D) and places a Slain Monster token on the tile (E). All three Settlers from the Engage section of his Action Board have already been placed, so he gains 2 Gold 🌕 as indicated by the position of his Military Strength 💥 Marker (F).



THE RUINS CARDS

When a player moves a Settler to a Ruins Space 👰, they must immediately take a Ruins Card. These powerful forgotten artifacts from the Mu Empire can give those who possess them a one-time significant advantage.

Ruins Cards may only be played by the active player, but a player can play as many Ruins Cards as they want before and/or after their action. A Ruins Card can be played the same turn it was drawn. When a Ruins Card is played, the player immediately applies the effect and then discards the card.

There is no hand limit for **Ruins Cards**. If a player needs to draw a Ruins Card but the draw pile is empty, shuffle the discarded Ruins Cards and form a new draw pile.



COLUNCO SIS The player takes 3 Food Resources from the corresponding tray.



Automated Machines The player takes 3 Craft **Resources** from the corresponding tray.



Legendary Weapons
The player takes 3 Weapons Resources // from the corresponding tray.



Zephir Compass The player may increase the movement of their Exploration Ship or Warship by 0, 1 or 2 tiles (this card may only be played during an Explore or Engage action).



The Treasure of Mu The player gains 2 Gold



Storm Kannon The player moves their Military Strength X Marker up one.



Traveler's Gate The player moves one of their Settlers, either from their Action Board or on the game board, to a free space on either their City Tile or an Ocean Tile where they already have an **Exploration Marker (see Settlers** box, pq. 9).



The Forgotten Map

The player takes the leftmost Exploration Marker on their Action Board and gains the gold shown underneath. Place the Exploration Marker on one of the free Exploration Spaces on a faceup Ocean Tile and apply its effect.

n.b.: A player can never explore the same Ocean Tile twice. A player may use the Forgotten Map to place an Exploration Marker on a tile containing an enemy warship.



END OF THE GAME

At the start of the first player's turn, if one of the three Resource Trays (Food , Craft ray or Weapons) is empty, all players take one last turn and the game ends.

The player with the most Gold wins the game. In the event of a tie, the player with the fewest Settlers on their action board wins. If there is still a tie, the winners share the victory.



ASYMMETRIC VARIANT

Once you are comfortable with the gameplay, you can use the **B Side** of the Action Boards. They are asymmetrical, emphasizing various styles of play.



The **Warmonger** starts with a higher Military Strength and can spend Food Resources in order to move their Warship further.



The Artisan can sell Craft Resources for 4 Gold instead of 3, and the Settlement Bonus is 1 Gold instead of 1 Resource.



The **Explorer** earns more Gold each time they place an Exploration Marker, and their Exploration Ship can move up to 3 tiles (instead of 2).



The Settler unlocks Action
Bonuses more quickly, by
having 3 Settler slots on the
Explore action. Additionally,
the Settler receives 1 Gold
when placing a Settler.

SOLO MODE

In the Solo booklet, you will find a Solo Campaign to play alone.



The operation of the Solo Mode is detailed there. You can use the Solo Mode to play both the campaign and a series of individual scenarios.



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Move your **Exploration Ship** up to **2 faceup tiles**.



You may discard **Food Resources** at to move additional spaces.



To move a Ship onto an adjacent facedown Ocean Tile, discard the amount of Food Resources a indicated on the back of the tile, flip it over, and move the ship onto the tile. The move ends immediately.



At the end of your move, Explore by placing an Exploration Marker on one of the empty Exploration Spaces on the current Ocean Tile. Apply the effect of the space and gain the Gold indicated under your marker.

EXPLORATION SPACE EFFECTS



Gain the indicated amount of Gold.



Move a Settler to a free space on the current tile.

PRODUK



Choose ONE tile containing one or more of your Settlers: each Settler produces a resource corresponding to their location. This does not apply to Ruins Cards.



You may discard 2 Craft Resources �� to gain 3 Gold ��. This action may be repeated as many times as you can afford.



You may discard 2 Weapons Resources to raise your Military Strength 💥 by 1. This action may be repeated as many times as you can afford.



If all three Settlers were removed from your Action Board prior to the start of this turn, gain 1 Gold 🌑.

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If any one Resource Tray is empty at the start of the first player's turn, complete one final round. The winner is the player with the most Gold.

SETTLE



Move two of your Settlers, from your Action Board and/or the game board, to your City Tile or an Ocean Tile with one of your Exploration Markers. The Ocean Tiles you choose must not be occupied by an opposing Warship.



Harvest the appropriate resource if you move your Settler to an island that produces any.



Draw a Ruins Card if your Settler is moved to a **Ruins Space** ...



If all three Settlers were removed from the Action Board prior to the start of this turn, you must take a resource.

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Move your Warship up to 2 faceup tiles.



You may discard **Food Resources 6** to move additional spaces.



To move a ship onto an adjacent **facedown** Ocean Tile, discard the amount of **Food Resources** for indicated on the back of the tile, flip it over, and move the ship onto the tile. The move ends immediately.

ENGAGE A WARSHIP IN BATTLE

You can temporarily add to your **Military Strength X** by discarding **Weapons Resources** . The player with the highest Military Strength **X** wins the engagement. In the event of a tie, the attacker wins. The loser places their Warship on their City Tile. The winner gains the amount of Gold indicated by the loser's Military Strength X Track. If all three Settlers have been removed from the Engage section of the attacker's Action Board and they gain additional Gold as indicated by their own Military Strength **X** Track.

SCARE OFF ENEMY EXPLORATION SHIPS AND SETTLERS

All players who aren't the victor move any **Exploration Ships** on the present tile to their City Tiles, and Settlers to either free spaces on their City Tiles or their Action Boards. The winner gains 1 Gold of for each Exploration Ship or Settler removed from the Tile in this manner.

ENGAGE A MONSTER

Compare your Military Strength X with the Monster's Strength X (keeping in mind that you can discard Weapons Resources / to temporarily augment your strength). If you are victorious, gain the amount of Gold indicated on the Monster and place a Slain Monster Token on it. The Monster can no longer be fought.