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CLUEDO

FUN FACT

Newer additions of the game replaced the maid Mrs. White for Dr. Orchid. The Dr. is the adopted daughter of the victim and has a Ph.D. in plant toxicology, AKA the study of poisonous plants, very suspicious!

WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? WHY?

Cluedo is a **murder mystery board game** in which players must move around the board to determine the who, what and where in the fictional murder of Dr. Black.

The game was the brainchild of Birmingham local, munitions factory worker and pianist **Mr. Anthony Pratt**. Pratt was inspired to create the game after witnessing guests in the houses in which he played piano **act out scenes of murders** to entertain themselves. This paired with his love of **crime novels** from the likes of Agatha Christie among others, gave rise to the idea for the board game.

It was Pratt's wife Marjorie who helped to design the layout of the board, it has been suggested that the couple took inspiration from the nearby **Highbury Hall** for the rooms and floor plan.

The game was patented in **1947** and was released in shops a couple of years later in **1949**. The name of the game comes from an amalgamation of the words 'Clue' and 'Ludo' - Ludo being a classic 19th Century board game -, however it was released in America as simply Clue. The Cluedo universe has since expanded to include a movie, also called Clue after the American version of the game, which was released in 1985.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Originally the game had ten characters and more weapons, however these were cut down to six of each when the game was released commercially

THE SUSPECTS

Colonel Mustard

He is a military man and avid wild game hunter, represented by the colour **yellow**

Rev Green

A member of the clergy in the UK edition but simply Mr Green in the US edition, represented by the colour **green**

Mrs Peacock

A wealthy older lady who is represented by the colour **blue**

Professor Plum

The professor is the intellectual of the

group and is represented by the colour **purple**

Miss Scarlett

Shown as a typical femme fatale, Miss Scarlett is represented by the colour **red** and is also the only unmarried woman in the original game

Mrs White

Mrs White is often pictured as the maid of the house making her the only resident of the hall who is a suspect. She is represented by the colour **white**.



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