

Jennifer Shahade

Professional Poker Player and US Champion Chess Player

The Checkmate Mindset: Strategic Thinking for Everyday Success. Jennifer Shahade demonstrates how the principles of chess can lead to better decisions in everyday life and business, even for those who aren't expert players. She delves into the cognitive benefits of strategic thinking, offering practical tips and insights on how to anticipate challenges, weigh options, and make thoughtful decisions. This engaging talk equips you with the tools to approach life's decisions with the clarity and foresight of a chess master.

Thinking Sideways: Decision Making in Chess & Poker. Jennifer Shahade explains how great mental athletes excel in lateral thinking: looking at more options than their opponents and analyzing them more precisely. Learn about how mental athletes memorize their strategies, and how they combine their strengths to find their best selves. She draws from examples in sports, games and business to show how you can use this type of thinking in your own life and work.

Poker-Faced Negotiations: Playing Your Cards Right. Jennifer Shahade uses real poker hands to illustrate key issues in finance and negotiation. She breaks down complex strategies from the world's top players, making them accessible to newcomers. Learn how to read the room, manage risks, and know when to hold or fold in negotiations. This talk equips you with practical negotiation tactics that can be applied in both personal and professional settings.

Art, Chess, and Marcel Duchamp: The Intersection of Strategy and Creativity. In "Art, Chess, and Marcel Duchamp," Jennifer Shahade explores the fascinating intersection of chess and art, focusing on the chess-related works of artist Marcel Duchamp. She delves into how Duchamp's chess career influenced his art and vice versa, offering a unique perspective on the game's cultural impact. This talk is perfect for those interested in the confluence of intellectual pursuits and artistic expression.

Chess Queens: Breaking the Glass Board. "Chess Queens" charts the progress of female chess champions, intertwining Jennifer Shahade's personal story with broader gender and cultural debates. This workshop can be tailored to different formats, from a research-focused talk to an art-centric session where

participants create feminist art based on the history of the chess queen. Drawing from her book, *Chess Queens*, Jennifer addresses issues like sexualization, harassment, and stereotype threat, inspiring a new generation of players and advocates.

All-In on Inclusivity. In this inspiring talk, Jennifer Shahade explains the importance of spreading chess literacy, especially among young people and women. Using a mix of video, art, and data, she showcases the cognitive and social benefits of chess, advocating for its inclusion in education and community programs. Jennifer's passionate presentation highlights how chess can empower individuals and create more inclusive, strategic thinkers.

The Queen's Gambit and Chess 101. This interactive workshop inspired by the hit Netflix series, uses the show's captivating storyline, along with other sources, to teach chess basics in an engaging and accessible way. Whether you're new to the game or looking to brush up on your skills, this workshop provides a fun and educational introduction to chess, making it easy for anyone to start their strategic journey.