

Things you can do to enhance your first game of Big Board Raiders.

When you start you won't be as fast with your decision making, and this could drag out the game. But as you get better at developing a strategy you will know what you want to do ahead of your turns and the execution time will be shortened with the effect of speeding up the game.

- It was so obvious to me but, I forgot to mention in the instructions that when you start the game you can place your starting pawn on any of the 40 spaces of the playing board.
- The manual is aimed at a teenager, it is not difficult material.
- Watch the DVD and only play at Level 1 until you understand the game and market mechanics, then venture on to other Levels. Read all the sections in Level 1 as mentioned in the manual index, it's only a few pages. Also the glossary has word meanings.
- After Level 1 each increment is a small step.
- Another thing that might help in the beginning is for everyone to start with more money, say \$100,000. This will shorten the game by about an hour. Of course you can do this at anytime to shorten a game. When you start with \$50,000 it really separates the men from the boys, like an all night poker game.
- Another thing that I might suggest is to have 4 TIME cards per year instead of the 5 TIME cards that is set out in the rules that come with the game. It will increase the bond yields and inject more money, also shortening the game.
- There is also a form you can download and print that will let you record where everyone was in a game, so that it can be continued on another playdate, as my kids say.
- Also, check back at the website because I will always have other hints as the FAQ section grows. I am hoping to do them in video, when I learn more about editing Adobe.