D&D Resources for New Players

What is D&D?

Dungeons and Dragons (often abbreviated to D&D or DnD) is a tabletop RPG (role-playing game) where you play as a made-up character, typically in a fantasy world. You might go on quests, fight hordes of enemies, loot ancient dungeons, or even come face-to-face with a legendary dragon.

Unlike video games, where the world and all of its inhabitants are shown directly on the screen, D&D (along with other tabletop RPG's) utilizes your imagination. You get to explore a world made just for you and your group, while being guided by the DM (Dungeon Master).

Although there are many parts to playing D&D, there are even more resources! Below are just a few to help you on your way.

Websites

www.dndbeyond.com - the official website of D&D. There are many resources and tools available for free and also source material available for purchase. Also available as an app.
- [Basic Rules for Dungeons and Dragons (D&D) Fifth Edition (5e)](#)
- [D&D Beyond - Online Character Builder](#)

The Character Sheet
- Overview of each section of the standard character sheet:
  https://www.dndnewbies.com/dnd-beyond-character-sheets/
- Overview of the character sheet as displayed on dndbeyond:
  https://www.dndnewbies.com/dnd-beyond-character-sheets/

Helpful Videos
- ▶ How to Play Dungeons and Dragons 5e - Intro
- [Handbooker Helper Playlist](#) - A helpful series from Critical Role that divides up the main concepts and processes of D&D into short and informative video
- ▶ 7 things ALL first-time D&D players need to know from [Ginny Di](#). She has many good videos about developing your roleplaying and learning the game.
- [The Animated Spellbook](#) goes over some fun spells and how they work.
- Matt Colville's [Welcome to D&D](#) video for new players & his [Running the Game](#) series for Dungeon Masters are excellent.

Apps
- 5E Companion App - Free, available for Apple and Android