

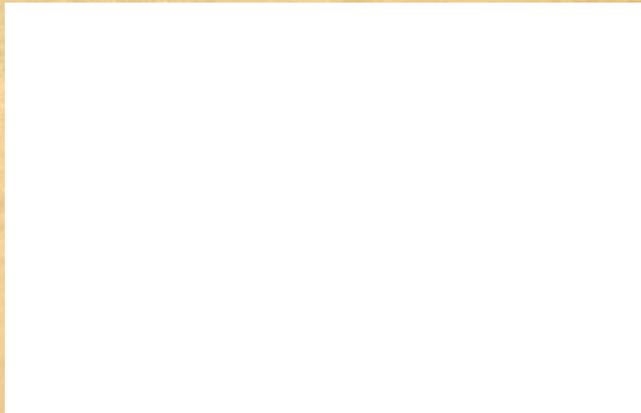


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*Age of Empires III*

*Age of Empires III: The WarChiefs*

*Age of Empires III: The Asian Dynasties*



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### ⚠ Important Health Warning About Playing Video Games

#### Photosensitive Seizures

A very small percentage of people may experience a seizure when exposed to certain visual images, including flashing lights or patterns that may appear in video games. Even people who have no history of seizures or epilepsy may have an undiagnosed condition that can cause these "photosensitive epileptic seizures" while watching video games.

These seizures may have a variety of symptoms, including lightheadedness, altered vision, eye or face twitching, jerking or shaking of arms or legs, disorientation, confusion, or momentary loss of awareness. Seizures may also cause loss of consciousness or convulsions that can lead to injury from falling down or striking nearby objects.

Immediately stop playing and consult a doctor if you experience any of these symptoms. Parents should watch for or ask their children about the above symptoms—children and teenagers are more likely than adults to experience these seizures. The risk of photosensitive epileptic seizures may be reduced by taking the following precautions: Sit farther from the screen; use a smaller screen; play in a well-lit room; and do not play when you are drowsy or fatigued.

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#### ESRB Game Ratings

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- **Rating Symbols** suggest age appropriateness for the game. These symbols appear on the front of virtually every game box available for retail sale or rental in the United States and Canada.
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For more information, visit [www.ESRB.org](http://www.ESRB.org).

### Manuals

Full versions of the manuals for the *Age of Empires® III* collection are available in PDF format on the game discs in the **Docs** folder, or on the Web at [www.gamesforwindows.com/Age3CC](http://www.gamesforwindows.com/Age3CC).

### Installing

You must have *Age of Empires III* installed before installing *The WarChiefs* or *The Asian Dynasties*.

Insert the installation disc into your computer's disc drive, and then follow the on-screen instructions.

If Setup does not start automatically, complete the following steps.

#### ✦ To install on Microsoft Windows Vista

1. On the **Start** menu, click **Computer**.
2. Under **Devices with Removable Storage**, double-click the disc drive icon.
3. In the **User Account Control** dialog box, click **Allow**, and then follow the on-screen instructions to install the game.

#### ✦ To install on Microsoft Windows XP

1. On the **Start** menu, click **Control Panel**.
2. In the **Category View**, under **Pick a category**, click **Add or Remove Programs**.
3. Under **Pick a task**, click **Add a program**.
4. In the **Add or Remove Programs** dialog box, click the **CD or Floppy** button, and then follow the on-screen instructions to install the game.



## *Saving, Loading, and Quitting a Game*

### ✦ To save a game

1. On the **In-Game** menu, click **Save**.
2. In the **Save File** dialog box, type a name in the **Filename** box, and then click **Save**.

### ✦ To load a saved game

1. On the **In-Game** menu, click **Saved Game** (*Age of Empires III*) or **Load** (*The WarChiefs* and *The Asian Dynasties*).
2. In the **Open File** dialog box, select a saved game, and then click **Open**.

### ✦ To quit a game

You must resign the current game before exiting the *Age of Empires III* world.

1. On the **In-Game** menu, click **Resign**.
2. In the **Resign** dialog box, click **Yes**.
3. In *Age of Empires III* and *The WarChiefs*, click **Quit**.

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In *The Asian Dynasties*, click **Campaign Menu**; on the **Campaign** menu, click **Exit**, and then click **Yes**.

## *Ages and Civilizations*

Your goal in the *Age of Empires III* world is to build a powerful empire capable of conquering any and all enemy civilizations.

You build your civilization by gathering natural resources, constructing buildings, assembling an army, researching technological improvements, and advancing through the five Ages:

- ◆ Discovery Age
- ◆ Colonial Age
- ◆ Fortress Age
- ◆ Industrial Age
- ◆ Imperial Age

With each Age advancement you can construct different buildings, create more powerful military units, and research and acquire more valuable technologies.

You can choose from eight civilizations (shown below in order of easiest to hardest to play):

- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ British
- ◆ French
- ◆ Portuguese
- ◆ Dutch
- ◆ Russian
- ◆ German
- ◆ Ottoman

*The WarChiefs* introduces an additional three playable civilizations:

- ◆ Aztec
- ◆ Iroquois
- ◆ Sioux

Three more civilizations come to life in *The Asian Dynasties*:

- ◆ China
- ◆ India
- ◆ Japan

Each civilization has its own strengths and weaknesses. Try out the various civilizations to identify those that best suit your style of play and strategy.



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- Find Microsoft Knowledge Base articles that target specific issues.
- View “Show Me How” videos for solving common problems.
- Access other support services.

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