Candlestick patterns are an important part of any technical trader’s toolkit. Originally emerging in the early 18th century, candlestick were used primarily by Japanese Rice Traders. The use of candlesticks was later perfected by Soku Honma and ultimately brought to America by Steve Nison in 1991.

**Hammer / Inverted Hammer**
- White or Black Body
- Wick 2/3 of Body
- Found at Support

**Bullish Piercing**
- Long black followed by a white candle that pierces more than half way.

**Doji**
- Same Open/Close
- Long Shadow

**Marubozu**
- Long Day; No Shadow
- White: Bullish
- Dark: Bearish

**Dark-Cloud Cover**
- Long white followed by a black candle that pierces more than half way.

**Counter Attack**
- Opening Gap
- Closes unchanged from previous Candle

**Common Candles**
- Long Day
- Spinning Top
- Doji

**Harami**
- Small real body held within previous session
- Often opposite colors

**Engulfing**
- Open and Close engulf the entire price of the previous day
Top 21 Candlestick Patterns

3 White Soldiers
- 3 strong white candles
- Each with higher close
- Close at or near high

3 Black Crows
- 3 strong black candles
- Each with lower close
- Close at or near low

Hangman / Shooting Star
- White or Black
- At Resistance
- Shadow 2/3 of Body

White Soldier / Black Crow
- 2 Long Body Candles
- Open gap with close past previous open.

Morning Star
- Long Dark Candle
- Gap Down
- Gap Up, Long White

Rising Three
- Five day pattern. Outer white candles engulf the three middle candles.

Falling Three
- Five day pattern. Outer black candles engulf the three middle candles.

Evening Star
- Long White Candle
- Gap Up
- Gap Down, Long Black

Bullish Rest After Battle
- Similar to the rising 3 pattern. Strong bullish days surround spin tops.

Bear Rest
- Similar to the falling 3 pattern. Strong bear days surround spin tops.

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