Piquet deck card reading methods
No. 1: The Six-Pile method

The Self

Their Friend

Their Work

What Lives In Their Heart

What Comes Soonest

Significator

1st Pile

2nd Pile

3rd Pile

4th Pile

5th Pile

6th Pile

Their House
Procedure for Performing the Six-Pile Method of Reading the Piquet (Continental) deck.

1. Choose a Significator card to represent the person being read-for, from among the Court Cards in the deck, then place it as shown in the illustration.

2. Have the inquirer shuffle the deck. While shuffling, they should be thinking about a wish they’d most like to see fulfilled. When done shuffling, the inquirer should hand the deck back to the reader. Deal out the top six cards, from left to right, in the six separate piles shown in the illustration.

3. Go back to the first pile on the left, and deal out the next six cards from left to right, in the six separate piles shown in the illustration.

4. Go back to the first pile on the left, and deal out a third set of six cards from left to right, in the six piles shown in the illustration.

5. Starting with pile one, the reader will take up the three cards in that pile and string their meanings together in to one coherent message concerning the inquirer their own self, right now.

6. The reader will take up pile two and string the meanings of those cards into a coherent message about the inquirer’s domestic situation right now.

7. The reader will take up pile three and string the meanings of those cards into a coherent message about the inquirer’s friend or friend of the most-concern to them right now.

8. The reader will take up pile four and string the meanings of those cards into a coherent message about the inquirer’s work or employment situation.

9. The reader will take up pile five and string the meanings of those cards into a coherent answer about whether the dearest wish in their hearts while they were shuffling will come true.

10. The reader will take up pile six and string the meanings of those cards together into a coherent message about what is coming in the most-immediate future for the inquirer.
Instructions for Performing the ‘Gypsy’ Method of Reading the Piquet (Continental) Deck

1. Ask the inquirer to shuffle the deck.

2. When the inquirer is through shuffling, the deck should be returned to the reader, who will then cut the deck into three piles, face-down.

3. Take up the center pile first, then place it on top of the pile on the right, then place those on the left-hand pile.

4. The reader then turns the deck face-up and looks at the first three cards. The reader should pick the one card out of the three which has the highest value and keep it, but set the other two cards aside.

5. The reader should continue sorting through the rest of the deck this way, looking at the next three cards up, then selecting the highest-value card and setting the other two aside.

6. The reader will now have two piles: the laid-aside pile, consisting of the rejects, and the retained pile, consisting of the highest-value cards.

7. The reader should take up the laid-aside pile and rifle through them to see if there are and three-of-a-kinds in the pile. That would be three cards of the same suit, or three of the same number from three different suits. Any three-of-a-kinds found in the laid-aside pile should be added to the retained pile of cards.

8. The reader will then spread out all of the cards in the retained pile, in the order in which they were first picked out of the deck, so the order of that will be from the bottom card in the pile upwards. The three-of-a-kinds removed from the laid-aside pile will be laid-out at the end of the row, in the order they were picked out of the laid-aside pile.

9. Starting from left to right, the reader will interpret the row of cards as their meanings dictate.