



The Face of Battle

By John Keegan

Book summary & main ideas

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Summary:

The Face of Battle by John Keegan is a book that examines the experience of soldiers in three major battles: Agincourt in 1415, Waterloo in 1815, and the Somme in 1916. Keegan looks at the experience of the soldiers from the perspective of the individual, rather than from the perspective of the generals or the politicians. He examines the physical and psychological effects of battle on the soldiers, and how they coped with the fear, exhaustion, and horror of war. He also looks at the tactics used by the generals, and how they affected the outcome of the battles.

Keegan begins by looking at the Battle of Agincourt, which was fought between the

English and the French. He examines the tactics used by the English, which included the use of the longbow and the use of the terrain to their advantage. He also looks at the psychological effects of the battle on the soldiers, and how they coped with the fear and exhaustion of battle. He then looks at the Battle of Waterloo, which was fought between the French and the British. He examines the tactics used by the British, which included the use of the cavalry and the use of the terrain to their advantage. He also looks at the psychological effects of the battle on the soldiers, and how they coped with the fear and exhaustion of battle.

Finally, Keegan looks at the Battle of the Somme, which was fought between the British and the Germans. He examines the tactics used by the British, which included the use of tanks and the use of the terrain to their advantage. He also looks at the

psychological effects of the battle on the soldiers, and how they coped with the fear and exhaustion of battle. He concludes by looking at the overall experience of the soldiers in battle, and how they were able to cope with the fear and exhaustion of war.

The Face of Battle is an important book that examines the experience of soldiers in battle from the perspective of the individual. It looks at the physical and psychological effects of battle on the soldiers, and how they coped with the fear, exhaustion, and horror of war. It also looks at the tactics used by the generals, and how they affected the outcome of the battles. It is an important book for anyone interested in the history of warfare and the experience of soldiers in battle.

Main ideas:

#1. *The Face of Battle is a study of*

the experience of combat in three major battles: Agincourt, Waterloo, and the Somme. Idea Summary: John Keegan's The Face of Battle is a study of the experience of combat in three major battles: Agincourt, Waterloo, and the Somme. He examines the physical and psychological effects of battle on the soldiers, as well as the strategies and tactics employed by the commanders.

John Keegan's *The Face of Battle* is a groundbreaking study of the experience of combat in three major battles: Agincourt, Waterloo, and the Somme. Through a combination of historical research and personal accounts, Keegan examines the physical and psychological effects of battle on the soldiers, as well as the strategies and tactics employed by the commanders. He looks at the conditions of the battlefields, the weapons used, and the

tactics employed by both sides. He also examines the impact of the battles on the societies that fought them, and the long-term consequences of the wars. By looking at the experience of combat from the perspective of the soldiers, Keegan provides a unique insight into the realities of war.

Keegan's analysis of the three battles is both detailed and comprehensive. He examines the events leading up to the battles, the strategies employed by the commanders, and the conditions of the battlefields. He also looks at the weapons used, the tactics employed, and the psychological effects of battle on the soldiers. He also looks at the impact of the battles on the societies that fought them, and the long-term consequences of the wars. By looking at the experience of combat from the perspective of the soldiers, Keegan provides a unique insight

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insightful. He examines the individual soldiers experience of battle, as well as the broader implications of battle on the course of history. He also looks at how the physical and psychological effects of battle can influence the outcome of a battle. The Face of Battle is an important work that provides a unique perspective on the physical and psychological effects of battle on the soldiers.

#3. Keegan looks at the strategies and tactics employed by the commanders. Idea Summary: In The Face of Battle, John Keegan examines the strategies and tactics employed by the commanders in the three battles he studies. He looks at how the commanders used their knowledge of the terrain and the enemy to their advantage.

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In *The Face of Battle*, John Keegan examines the role of leadership in battle. He looks at how commanders used their leadership skills to motivate their troops

and how their decisions affected the outcome of the battles. Keegan argues that the success of a battle often depended on the leadership of the commander, and that the commanders ability to inspire and motivate their troops was essential for victory. He also looks at how the commanders decisions could have a profound effect on the course of the battle, and how their decisions could determine the outcome. Keegan also examines the psychological aspects of battle, and how the commanders leadership could affect the morale of their troops. He argues that a commanders ability to inspire and motivate their troops was essential for victory, and that the commanders decisions could have a profound effect on the course of the battle.

Keegan also looks at the importance of communication in battle, and how the commanders ability to communicate

effectively with their troops could be the difference between victory and defeat. He argues that the commanders ability to communicate their orders clearly and effectively was essential for success, and that the commanders ability to inspire and motivate their troops was essential for victory. He also looks at how the commanders decisions could have a profound effect on the course of the battle, and how their decisions could determine the outcome. Finally, Keegan examines the importance of strategy in battle, and how the commanders ability to plan and execute a successful strategy could be the difference between victory and defeat.

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The Face of Battle by John Keegan examines the role of morale in battle. Keegan looks at how morale can influence the outcome of a battle and how commanders can use morale to their advantage. He argues that morale is a key factor in determining the success or failure of a battle, and that it is often overlooked in the study of military history. He examines how morale can be affected by factors such as the size of the army, the quality of the troops, the terrain, and the tactics employed. He also looks at how morale can be used to motivate troops and how it can be used to demoralize the enemy. Keegan's analysis of morale in battle provides a valuable insight into the dynamics of warfare.

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In *The Face of Battle*, John Keegan examines the role of chance in battle. He argues that chance events, such as weather and terrain, can have a significant impact on the outcome of a battle. Keegan also looks at how commanders can use chance to their advantage, such as by taking advantage of the element of surprise or by exploiting the weaknesses of their opponents. He also examines how chance can be used to create a psychological advantage, such as by creating an atmosphere of fear or confusion. Ultimately, Keegan argues that chance plays an important role in battle

and that it is something that commanders must take into account when planning their strategies.

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aware of the importance of logistics in order to make the best decisions. Keegan also looks at how logistics can be used to create an advantage in battle, such as by using supply lines to outmaneuver the enemy or by using supply shortages to weaken the enemys morale. He also examines how logistics can be used to create a defensive advantage, such as by using supply lines to create a defensive perimeter or by using supply shortages to limit the enemys ability to attack. Overall, Keegans book provides an in-depth look at the role of logistics in battle and how it can be used to gain an advantage.

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Keegan also looks at how the psychological state of the troops can be

affected by the environment in which they are fighting. He examines how the terrain, weather, and other environmental factors can affect the morale of the troops and how this can be used to gain an advantage. He also looks at how the psychological state of the troops can be affected by the tactics used by the commanders and how this can be used to gain an advantage. Finally, he looks at how the psychological state of the troops can be affected by the leadership of the commanders and how this can be used to gain an advantage.

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