



WARRIORS of HISTORY

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Premise : There have been many great individuals in various fields of human endeavour throughout history from science to the arts, philosophy to politics, business to technology, but none of these greats has spilled more blood than the greatest heroes and fighters. So let's take a deep breath and get ready to discover the deadliest, vicious and most successful warriors of their time.

Concept : Since the dawn of mankind, the ambit of conflict has always been a constant feature in the intricate tapestry of history. And in such a vast scope of destruction and death, there have been a few civilizations, tribes and factions that have rather 'thrived' on warlike conditions. In this series, without further ado, let's check out the most disciplined, ferocious yet tactically evolved warrior cultures who had nigh perfected the 'art of war' or rather the art of dealing with war. The conquering heroes and celebrated warriors that one culture holds in high esteem very likely hold the contrary reputation somewhere else. It's that desire, to make fate a matter of course, a manifest destiny, that ennobles men to become the legendary, real-life WARRIORS in this dedicated documentary series. These are men whose accomplishments and bravery have stood the test of time, defined their cultures and inspired the generations that followed them.

The Episodes



EPISODE 1 : The Roman Legion: Of all the greatest ancient WARRIORS, the Romans were perhaps the most pragmatic. The Roman military took whatever worked and gradually made it into their own. A Roman legion normally indicates the basic ancient Roman army unit recruited specifically from Roman citizens. The organization of legions varied greatly over time but they were typically composed of up to 5,400 soldiers. They were the backbone of the Roman army that led to an empire that was unrivaled in terms of size and power. They were usually heavy infantry with armor and a shield modeled after the ancient Greeks. They were masters of the sword and spear combination going along with a shield. They were made up of the wealthiest soldiers that could afford to make the best weapons and armor. Because of the enormous military successes of the Roman Empire, they have long been regarded as the prime ancient model for military efficiency and ability.



EPISODE 2 : The Spartans : The Spartan city-state was without question one of the greatest warrior cultures in human history. It reached the height of its power after defeating rival city-state Athens in the Peloponnesian War (431-404 B.C.). Spartan culture was centered on loyalty to the state and military service. At age 7, Spartan boys entered a rigorous state-sponsored education, military training and socialization program. Their culture was all about war and training men for war their entire lives. They had a saying: "come back with the shield or on top of it" which means don't come back unless you are victorious. They were some of the toughest soldiers the world had ever seen. They were masters of the shield and spear combination. Any weakness was intolerable to the Spartans. Their warriors were feared and marveled at among all the Greek city-states of the time, including the Spartan women.



EPISODE 3 : The Vikings : The Vikings, the terror of Europe. Viking warriors were highly feared across Europe for their brutal attacks and unorthodox for the time weapon of choice, the battle-axe. They were big and mean and used their axes, swords, and spears expertly in the conquering of cities. Even their religion was about war and they believed when you died in battle you fought once again in a never-ending battle. They were all you would want in a soldier and proved it on the battlefield by destroying all in their paths. The Viking fighting style was based on rapid attacks, go in and attack, get the goods, and then get out before any more backup could arrive. With their home-made clothing and weapons they would rely on their quick and ferocious attack style to ensure success. This all added up to make it easy to see why the Vikings had a fearsome reputation within Europe.



EPISODE 4 : The Samurai : Samurai were the military nobility of medieval and early-modern Japan and the masters of the katana. They led their lives according to the code of Bushido, meaning "way of the warrior". They were heavily armed soldiers covered in armor and willing to die for their masters. They wielded the sharpest sword the world has ever seen and it could easily slice a man in two. Their skills with this sword are unmatched. They were also masters of the bow and were some of the best shots of the ancient world. They meditated upon their death, and the wisdom that they were already dead, in order to throw themselves into battle without fear. They were like professional soldiers and were harshly trained and fought knowing their honor was on the line. They turned their warrior culture into an art and almost to the edge of enlightenment, this path peaking with writings like the Hagakure and The Book of Five Rings.



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EPISODE 5 : The Mongols : “The Mongols have a mission: to conquer everything; dominate everything in our path; destroy everything in our path.” The Mongol, the vicious Asian horse warriors who used brute savagery to conquer more territory in the 13th century than any other empire in history. They dominated Europe and Asia and were most famous for riding on horseback lead by one of the greatest military fighters in history, Genghis Kahn. They were highly disciplined and masters with using the bow and arrow on horse back. Their armoury comprised of a variety of bows for reaching a multitude of targets with special ‘howling’ arrows used to disorientate the enemy and cause panic.



EPISODE 6 : The Medieval Knights : Medieval Knight, the equivalent of a modern day tank, the medieval knight was covered in armor and would plow through enemy lines with ease. Not just anyone could achieve knight status however, and often it was a fairly expensive title to hold. A good war horse could cost roughly the same amount as a small airplane.

ADDITIONAL OR ALTERNATIVE EPISODES : The Maori _ The Celts _ The Sioux _ The Highlanders _ The Ninja _ The Normans.