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THE WARRIOR'S WAY

6x48 min.

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Concept

From childhood through becoming a man with a particular spirituality, training and war experience all the way till their last battle we dive into the lives of warriors. What kind of training and cultural background assures success in battle? Each episode reveals the secrets of the war-like cultures known for their achievements on the battlefield and the command they had of their armies as well as general knowledge on the strategy, inventions and achievements of great ancient military powers. Since the dawn of mankind, there has always been conflict. In such a vast scope of destruction and death, there have been a few civilizations, tribes and factions that have 'thrived' on warlike conditions.

The Episodes

EPISODE 1: The Mongols

Famous for riding on horseback, the Mongols dominated Europe and Asia. The vicious Asian Horse Warriors used brute savagery to conquer more territory during the 13th century than any other empire in history. Highly disciplined and masters of bow and arrow tactics, they had the capability of reaching a multitude of targets with special 'howling' arrows to disorientate the enemy and cause panic. The Mongols' mission was to conquer, dominate or destroy everything in their path.



EPISODE 2: The Vikings

Their religion was about war, their unorthodox weapon of choice was a battle-axe and their brutal tactics terrorized Europe. The Viking warriors were strong, tough and ruthless destroying everything in their paths. With their home-made clothing and weapons, they would rely on their quick and ferocious strategies to ensure success, giving them a fearsome reputation throughout Europe.



EPISODE 3: The Highlanders of Scotland

The Scottish Highlanders rank as one of the world's greatest military legends, from their origins in ancient Celtic society through the glory days of battles both for and against the English. Not even the great might of the Roman Empire was able to reach the heart of the Highlanders' territory. Moreover, they even had to secure the northern border of England by the famous Hadrian's wall to stop the Picts of the Highlands from raiding the area. There are several very distinctive features that separate the highlanders from the rest of the population of the British Isles. We are about to explore all their ancient war heritage up to the great war of Scottish independence and the winning battle of Bannockburn in 1314.



EPISODE 4: The Celts

Well-known for their ferocity, the Celtic population once dominated most of Europe. Their tribal society was based in a multitude of small settlements of extended families and clans who were based within their particular territorial confines. Run by powerful noble chieftains, they were an ideal ground for thriving war. Conflict and war were daily occurrences. But there was more: a great admiration of heroic deeds, a religion based on sacrifice and a fight for the greater good. Once fighting for the same cause, Celts were a dangerous enemy, ferocious in battle and not good to tamper with.



EPISODE 5: The Roman Legion

Of all the greatest ancient warriors, the Romans were perhaps the most pragmatic. The Roman legions were the backbone of the Roman army and typically composed of up to 5,400 soldiers. They wore heavy armor and shields modeled after the ancient Greeks. They were masters of the sword and spear and were comprised of the wealthiest soldiers that could afford to make the best weapons and armor. They have long been regarded as the prime ancient model for military efficiency and strategy which led to an empire that was unrivaled in size and power.



EPISODE 6: The Medieval Knights

The Medieval period of history was extremely violent. Lands were regularly invaded leading to wars, battles and siege situations. This was the period of the Norman conquest and the battle of Hastings in England. Warfare strategy, tactics, and weapons technology were transforming to reflect these new battle situations. Medieval Weapons were used by the religious knights who fought in the Crusades. The massive and deadly siege weapons such as catapults, the ballista, battering ram, mangonel, siege tower and the trebuchet. Siege weapons were made to order! The weaponry, armor and horse of the Knight were extremely expensive. Every knight had spent their whole lives gaining expertise in the use of the lance, swords and daggers and all the other weapons which were suited to his status. And once in battle he would plow through enemy lines with ease on horseback.



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