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Military planning is a function of command at all levels and is a prerequisite for the successful conduct of military operations. Planning is the process of determining a course of action to take, what the course of action is intended to achieve, the manner in which the course of action is to be prosecuted and the resources that will be required¹. Decision making plays a core role in this process.

This reader's guide will look primarily at the theory of military planning and decision making as opposed to general non-military planning and decision making.

This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on decision making & military planning. Please note that the list of references below is a selection of the more relevant titles and information on the subject. The list is not intended to be exhaustive or definitive but is an introductory guide to some of the resources available.

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