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## Theory of War

Works on military theory and strategy have existed since the earliest days of writing. Ancient and medieval theory can be divided into six chronological periods: Ancient Chinese, Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Medieval European, and Medieval Islamic. Many texts from these periods still appear in modern translations and editions. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Carl von Clausewitz and Antoine-Henry Jomini are acknowledged as the most important of the strategic theorists, with Clausewitz in particular continuing to inform contemporary debate on the nature and practice of war. 20<sup>th</sup> Century theorists have employed new tendencies in strategic thinking, and much of the modern corpus deals with war in a somewhat abstract manner, either by either remaining at the strategic or political levels of war or by discussing theories of application without regard to the specific weapon types that are envisioned.

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This bibliography has been designed to provide a guide as to where to find information on military theory and strategy. 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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