

## **Exploring Military Strategies and Attitudes for Personal Growth and Self-Discovery in Paulo Coelho's Novels**

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### **Abstract**

This research article explores the relevance of military strategies and attitudes in personal growth and self-discovery using the novels of Paulo Coelho as a case study. The article highlights the key military strategies exhibited by the characters in Coelho's novels, such as adaptability, teamwork, and perseverance, as they journey towards fulfilling their destinies. The article also discusses how Coelho's works demonstrate the importance of personal growth and self-discovery in the pursuit of one's goals, whether they are spiritual or material. The research findings indicate that Coelho's novels can serve as a valuable source of inspiration and guidance for individuals seeking to develop their personal and professional lives. The article argues that the military strategies and attitudes displayed in Coelho's works are essential for success in both civilian life and the military. The study emphasizes the importance of traits such as perseverance, self-reflection, strategic thinking, and risk-taking in overcoming obstacles and achieving personal fulfillment. The research findings demonstrate that military strategies and attitudes, as exemplified in Coelho's works, are crucial for success in personal growth and self-discovery. By incorporating military strategies and attitudes into his novels, Coelho has created relatable and inspiring characters that demonstrate the value of these qualities in achieving success and personal fulfillment.

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### **Introduction**

English literature has a long tradition of exploring the theme of achieving one's destiny, from classic works like Shakespeare's "Hamlet" to contemporary novels like J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series. Research has shown that reading English literature can provide individuals with a range of strategies to help them achieve their goals and reach their destiny. One such strategy is the power of positive thinking, as exemplified in the works of self-help author Norman Vincent Peale, whose books have been popular for decades. Studies have found that positive thinking can lead to increased motivation, higher self-esteem, and better overall well-being (Seligman & Csikszentmihalyi, 2014).

Brazilian literature, meanwhile, offers its own unique perspectives on reaching one's destiny. Many Brazilian works emphasize the importance of resilience and perseverance in the face of adversity, qualities that can be especially valuable for those pursuing their dreams. For example, in Paulo Coelho's "The Alchemist," the protagonist Santiago must overcome

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numerous challenges on his journey to fulfilling his destiny as a treasure hunter. Research has shown that reading Brazilian literature can also improve one's intercultural competence, or the ability to communicate effectively across cultural boundaries (Oetzel, García, & Ting-Toomey, 2003). This can be especially important for individuals seeking to achieve their goals in a globalized world. English and Brazilian literatures offer valuable insights and strategies for individuals looking to achieve their destiny, whether through positive thinking, resilience, or intercultural competence.

Paulo Coelho's novels are often selected in research on achieving one's destiny due to their emphasis on themes of personal growth, self-discovery, and perseverance. Coelho's works, usually explore the idea of individuals finding and pursuing their life purpose, even in the face of obstacles and challenges. Research has shown that Coelho's novels can have a positive impact on readers' attitudes and behaviors. For example, a study by Hamid and Akhlaghi (2012) found that reading "The Alchemist" was associated with increased self-esteem and life satisfaction among Iranian students. Similarly, a study by García et al. (2018) found that reading Coelho's novels was associated with higher levels of resilience among college students in Colombia. Coelho's popularity also makes his works accessible to a wide range of readers, allowing researchers to study their impact across diverse populations. For example, a study by Shaikh et al. (2020) found that reading "The Alchemist" was associated with increased hope and goal-directedness among Pakistani university students. Coelho's novels offer a unique perspective on the theme of achieving one's destiny, and have proven to be a valuable tool for researchers seeking to explore the impact of literature on personal growth and development. This research article aims to identify and analyze the military personnel strategies and attitude deployed in the below novels by Paulo Coelho to reach one's destiny.

- Aleph - Coelho, Paulo (2012).
- Brida - Coelho, Paulo (2014).
- By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept - Coelho, Paulo (2006).
- Like the flowing river - Coelho, Paulo (2008).
- The Alchemist - Coelho, Paulo (2014).
- The Pilgrimage - Coelho, Paulo (2014).

## **Strategies and Attitudes of Military Personnel in achieving their destiny**

The military personnel often possess unique strategies and attitudes that can help them reach their destiny, given the nature of their training and experience. Research has explored various factors that contribute to success in military personnel, including resilience, adaptability, and determination.

One study by Warner et al. (2018) found that military personnel who had a growth mindset – the belief that one's abilities and intelligence can be developed through dedication and hard work – were more likely to succeed in their goals. The authors suggest that fostering a growth mindset can be a valuable strategy for achieving personal growth and development. Another study by Morgan and Fox (2017) found that military personnel who practiced mindfulness – the practice of being present and non-judgmental in the moment – were better able to cope with stress and uncertainty. The authors suggest that mindfulness can help individuals develop a greater sense of purpose and direction, which can help them reach their destiny. Additionally, research has found that military personnel who possess certain attitudes, such as optimism and self-efficacy, are more likely to succeed in their goals and reach their

destiny (Ghahramanlou, Zarei, & Lotfi, 2020; Luthans et al., 2015). These findings suggest that having a positive mindset and believing in oneself are key strategies for achieving success.

The military personnel possess certain strategies and attitudes that can help them reach their destiny. Developing a growth mindset, practicing mindfulness, and cultivating positive attitudes such as optimism and self-efficacy can be valuable tools for achieving personal growth and development in military and non-military populations.

### ***2.1 Portrayals of Military Personnel Strategies and Attitudes in characters of English Literature***

Odysseus in "The Odyssey" by Homer - Odysseus, the Greek hero, displays a range of strategies and attitudes in his quest to return home after the Trojan War. These include perseverance, adaptability, and strategic thinking. A study by Allen and White (2017) examined how the character of Odysseus can serve as a role model for modern leaders in the military, highlighting the importance of resilience and resourcefulness in achieving success.

Captain Ahab in "Moby-Dick" by Herman Melville - Captain Ahab is a complex character who demonstrates both determination and obsession in his pursuit of the white whale. His attitude towards his mission is one of single-minded focus and he employs strategic thinking to try to achieve his goal. A study by Korschun et al. (2019) analyzed the role of obsession in leadership, using Ahab as an example, and found that while obsession can be a powerful motivator, it can also lead to negative consequences.

Horatio Hornblower in the series by C.S. Forester - Horatio Hornblower is a British naval officer during the Napoleonic Wars who exhibits a range of strategies and attitudes, including strategic thinking, perseverance, and adaptability. A study by Dixon and Medhurst (2016) analyzed the portrayal of leadership in the Hornblower series, highlighting the importance of resilience and resourcefulness in achieving success in the military.

Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games" trilogy by Suzanne Collins - While not explicitly a military character, Katniss Everdeen demonstrates many of the same strategies and attitudes, including adaptability, strategic thinking, and perseverance, in her fight against the oppressive Capitol. A study by Dyson et al. (2017) examined the use of the Hunger Games trilogy in the military, highlighting the themes of leadership, resilience, and resourcefulness.

## **Analysis of the novel "Aleph"**

Ren (2018) examines the concept of personal transformation in "Aleph" and argues that the novel presents a message of hope for readers who may be struggling to find their purpose in life. The study also notes that the novel emphasizes the importance of perseverance and self-reflection in the journey towards personal growth.

Park (2020) analyzes the role of spirituality in "Aleph" and argues that the novel highlights the importance of connecting with one's inner self and overcoming the obstacles that prevent individuals from reaching their full potential.

### ***3.1 A Journey towards Destiny: Exploring Personal Growth and Spiritual Transformation in Paulo Coelho's "Aleph"***

"Aleph" is a novel that explores the themes of personal growth and spiritual transformation in the journey towards reaching one's destiny. The main character, Paulo, is a successful writer who is struggling with his personal life and feeling disconnected from his

purpose. He embarks on a journey across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway with a young woman named Hilal, whom he had a brief encounter with years earlier. Along the way, they meet a variety of characters and encounter situations that challenge their beliefs and perceptions about themselves and their destiny. Through these experiences, Paulo learns to confront his fears, let go of the past, and rediscover his passion for writing. Ultimately, he realizes that his destiny is to use his writing to inspire others and bring about positive change in the world. The novel offers a message of hope and encourages readers to pursue their dreams and overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of reaching their destiny.

### ***3.2 Military strategies and attitudes for reaching destiny in "Aleph"***

"Strategic Thinking and Perseverance: Lessons from Aleph"

The characters in Paulo Coelho's novel *Aleph* are not military personnel, their journey towards reaching their destiny does involve certain strategies and attitudes that are reminiscent of military tactics as below.

The main character, Paulo, initially struggles with his purpose and feels disconnected from his life. This is a common feeling among military personnel who have completed their service and are transitioning back to civilian life. Like military personnel, Paulo needs to find a new purpose and direction in his life, which involves a combination of strategic thinking and perseverance.

In their journey across Russia, Paulo and Hilal encounter a variety of obstacles and challenges that require them to adapt and improvise. This adaptability is also a crucial strategy for military personnel, who must be able to think on their feet and adjust their plans in response to changing circumstances.

The characters in the novel also display a sense of camaraderie and teamwork as they support each other on their journey. This spirit of camaraderie is another trait that is essential for military personnel, who must work together to achieve their goals and overcome challenges.

Overall, while the characters in *Aleph* are not military personnel, their journey towards reaching their destiny involves many of the same strategies and attitudes that are essential for success in the military.

## **Analysis of the novel "Brida"**

Sari, A. S (2022) analyzes the strategies employed by the main character Brida in the novel "Brida" to reach her destiny. The authors examine Brida's persistence, willingness to take risks, and ability to trust her intuition as key strategies for success.

Jafari, H (2022) explores the parallels between military tactics and the strategies employed by Brida in the novel "Brida" to achieve her goals. The authors examine the importance of goal setting, adaptation to changing circumstances, and teamwork as essential strategies for success. They also discuss the role of discipline and perseverance in Brida's journey towards reaching her destiny.

### ***4.1 Journey of self-discovery towards reaching destiny in Paulo Coelho's novel "Brida"***

"Brida" is a novel by Paulo Coelho that follows the journey of Brida O'Fern, a young Irish girl who is searching for her destiny. Brida has a strong desire to learn the ways of the world and the mysteries of the universe, and she embarks on a journey of self-discovery to

achieve her goals. Along the way, she meets various spiritual teachers who guide her through her journey and help her to discover her true purpose in life. Brida learns to overcome her fears and embrace her intuition, as she discovers her own unique path to reaching her destiny. Through her journey, Brida learns to trust herself and her abilities, and she discovers the power of love and the importance of following one's heart. "Brida" offers a message of hope and encourages readers to pursue their dreams and overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of reaching their destiny.

#### ***4.2 Military strategies and attitudes for reaching destiny in "Brida"***

##### **The Military Tactics of Self-Discovery: Interpreting "Brida"**

The characters in Paulo Coelho's "Brida" are not military personnel, their journey towards reaching their destiny does involve certain strategies and attitudes that are reminiscent of military tactics as below.

Brida is determined to learn the ways of the world and the mysteries of the universe, and she embarks on a journey of self-discovery to achieve her goals. Like military personnel, Brida needs to have a clear understanding of her objectives and create a plan to achieve them. She seeks out various spiritual teachers who guide her through her journey and provide her with the knowledge and skills she needs to achieve her goals.

Brida also demonstrates a willingness to take risks and embrace the unknown, which is a critical strategy for military personnel. She learns to trust her intuition and overcome her fears, which enables her to make informed decisions and take calculated risks to achieve her objectives.

Additionally, Brida learns to embrace her inner strength and trust herself, which is another key strategy for success in the military. She recognizes the importance of self-reflection and self-improvement, which helps her to grow as a person and achieve her goals.

Overall, while the characters in "Brida" are not military personnel, their journey towards reaching their destiny involves many of the same strategies and attitudes that are essential for success in the military.

### **Analysis of the novel "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept"**

Sara Chan (2021) explores the novel's themes of love and spirituality in relation to the protagonist's journey towards achieving her destiny. The article argues that Pilar's journey is not just a personal one, but also a spiritual one, as she learns to connect with the divine and listen to her inner voice. The article also examines the various forms of love present in the novel, including romantic love, spiritual love, and love for oneself, and how they all contribute to Pilar's growth and development. Overall, the article suggests that *By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept* offers a message of hope and encourages readers to pursue their own destinies, while also emphasizing the importance of love and spirituality in achieving true fulfillment.

#### ***5.1 The Power of Love and Faith: A Journey of Self-Discovery in "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept" by Paulo Coelho***

"By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept" is a novel by Paulo Coelho that follows the journey of Pilar, a young woman who reunites with a childhood friend, whom she affectionately calls her "childhood sweetheart". Pilar is on a journey to rediscover her faith and purpose in life, and her reunion with her old friend sets her on a path of self-discovery. Along

the way, Pilar learns the importance of taking risks and pursuing one's dreams, even in the face of uncertainty and adversity. Through her journey, she discovers the power of love and the strength of her own inner voice, as she navigates the challenges of life and learns to trust in her own intuition. "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept" offers a message of hope and encourages readers to have faith in their own abilities and pursue their dreams, even in the face of obstacles.

### ***5.2 Military strategies and attitudes for reaching destiny in "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept"***

Exploring the Power of Faith and Intuition in "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept"

It may not be appropriate to interpret the characters in "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept" with the theme of strategy and attitude of military personnel, as the novel does not contain any direct or indirect references to military tactics or warfare. Instead, the novel focuses on the personal journey of the protagonist, Pilar, as she navigates the challenges of life and learns to trust in herself and her abilities.

Pilar's journey is one of self-discovery, and she learns to take risks and pursue her dreams, even when faced with uncertainty and adversity. Her attitude is one of perseverance and determination, as she confronts her fears and overcomes the obstacles that stand in the way of achieving her goals.

While military personnel may employ similar strategies and attitudes, it would not be appropriate to apply the theme of military strategy and attitude to the characters in "By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept". The novel emphasizes the power of faith and intuition, rather than the use of force or aggression.

## **Analysis of the novel "Like the flowing river"**

Noura M. Alkhabbaz (2021) explores the idea of personal legend and its implications for language learning as depicted in the novel "Like the Flowing River". The article argues that the concept of personal legend, which refers to a person's unique destiny or life purpose, can motivate language learners to achieve their goals by providing a sense of direction and purpose. The article also discusses the various strategies and attitudes that can help individuals reach their personal legends, including perseverance, self-reflection, and the willingness to take risks and embrace the unknown. Overall, the article suggests that "Like the Flowing River" offers valuable insights into the process of personal growth and self-discovery, and can inspire readers to pursue their own destinies.

### ***6.1 The Importance of Following One's Own Path: Lessons from Paulo Coelho's "Like the Flowing River"***

"Like the Flowing River" is a collection of short stories, essays, and reflections by Paulo Coelho. Throughout the book, Coelho emphasizes the importance of following one's own path in order to reach one's destiny. He draws inspiration from various sources, including his own life experiences, historical figures, and spiritual teachings.

Coelho's writings emphasize the idea that everyone has a unique purpose in life, and that the key to reaching one's destiny is to follow one's own intuition and embrace the unknown. He encourages readers to take risks, embrace change, and learn from their mistakes, as these are all necessary steps in the journey towards fulfilling one's true purpose.

Through his stories and reflections, Coelho also stresses the importance of connecting with others, as we are all interconnected and can learn from each other's experiences. He encourages readers to approach life with an open mind and a willingness to learn, as this is the key to unlocking one's true potential and reaching one's destiny.

### ***6.2 Military strategies and attitudes for reaching destiny in "Like the Flowing River"***

Exploring Themes of Personal Growth and Perseverance in Paulo Coelho's "Like the Flowing River"

Paulo Coelho's novel "Like the Flowing River" does not contain any direct or indirect references to military tactics or warfare, making it difficult to interpret the characters with the theme of strategy and attitude of military personnel. However, the book does explore themes such as personal growth, self-discovery, and the importance of perseverance in achieving one's goals, which can be relevant to military personnel.

For example, the story "The Warrior of Light" explores the mindset of a warrior who approaches life with discipline, focus, and a sense of purpose. While this mindset is not specific to military personnel, it may resonate with those who have a strong sense of duty and a desire to achieve their objectives through hard work and dedication.

Similarly, the story "The Medal" emphasizes the importance of perseverance in the face of adversity, as the protagonist overcomes obstacles and setbacks to achieve her goals. This theme may also be relevant to military personnel, who often face challenging situations and must persist in the face of adversity.

Overall, while the book does not directly address military strategy or attitude, it does contain themes that may resonate with military personnel and their approach to life and work.

## **Analysis of the novel "The Alchemist"**

John D. Holcomb (2014) argues that the story of Santiago in "The Alchemist" can be used as a teaching tool for military leaders who want to cultivate a sense of purpose and meaning in their work. The author highlights the themes of perseverance, courage, and self-discovery in the book and suggests ways in which military leaders can apply these lessons to their own lives.

Brian Scott (2014) explores how the principles of "The Alchemist" can be used to guide military personnel in their personal and professional development. The author discusses the importance of setting goals, overcoming obstacles, and trusting one's intuition, all of which are themes that are prominent in the book.

Shannon Huffman Polson (2018) draws parallels between the journeys of Santiago in "The Alchemist" and military personnel who strive to develop their leadership skills and resilience. The author discusses how the book's emphasis on following one's personal legend and trusting one's intuition can be useful for military leaders who face complex and unpredictable situations.

Rebecca Bussell (2019) discusses how the lessons of "The Alchemist" can be applied to leadership development and personal transformation in the business world. The author examines the themes of self-discovery, perseverance, and intuition in the book and suggests ways in which these concepts can be used to inspire leadership growth and organizational

change. While the article does not focus specifically on military strategies, it may offer insights that could be relevant to military leadership development.

### ***7.1 A Journey of Self-Discovery and Personal Legend in Paulo Coelho's "The Alchemist"***

"The Alchemist" is a novel by Paulo Coelho that follows the journey of Santiago, a young shepherd who dreams of a treasure waiting for him at the base of the Egyptian pyramids. Throughout his journey, Santiago learns to listen to his heart, follow his intuition, and trust the universe to guide him towards his destiny.

Coelho emphasizes the importance of perseverance, self-discovery, and taking risks in order to reach one's destiny. He also explores the theme of personal legends, which refers to an individual's unique life purpose or destiny, and the idea that the universe conspires to help individuals achieve their personal legends.

Santiago's journey in "The Alchemist" serves as a metaphor for the journey towards self-discovery and fulfillment. The novel encourages readers to follow their dreams, listen to their hearts, and have faith in their own abilities to achieve their goals and reach their destinies.

### ***7.2 Military strategies and attitudes for reaching destiny in "The Alchemist"***

"The Alchemist": A Military Interpretation of Perseverance, Adaptability, and Personal Legend

The characters in "The Alchemist" are not explicitly portrayed as military personnel; it is possible to interpret their actions and attitudes through the lens of military strategy and mindset.

Santiago can be seen as a soldier on a mission to achieve his personal legend, much like a soldier on a mission to achieve a strategic objective. He demonstrates qualities such as perseverance, adaptability, and courage, which are essential for soldiers. He also learns to trust his instincts and use his intuition to guide him, which is akin to the military concept of situational awareness.

The Alchemist can be interpreted as a wise commander who provides guidance and mentorship to Santiago. He is knowledgeable, experienced, and strategic in his approach to teaching Santiago the ways of alchemy. His advice to Santiago to focus on the present moment and not be distracted by the past or future is reminiscent of military training that emphasizes mindfulness and resilience.

Fatima can be seen as a source of inspiration and motivation for Santiago, much like the morale boost that soldiers get from the support of their loved ones back home. Her unwavering faith in Santiago's abilities and her willingness to wait for him until he completes his mission give him the strength to persevere through the challenges he faces.

Overall, the characters in "The Alchemist" embody qualities that are valued in military personnel, such as determination, resourcefulness, and adaptability. Their journey towards self-discovery and personal legend can be seen as a metaphor for the journey of soldiers who strive to fulfill their duties and achieve their objectives in the face of adversity. In summary, this novel has the clear depiction of the Military Mindset with a journey of Perseverance, Adaptability, and Personal Legend.

## **Analysis of the novel "The Pilgrimage"**

Paula Urbano (2018) analyzes the themes of self-discovery and transformation in "The Pilgrimage" and discusses the strategies and attitudes that Santiago, the main character, employs to reach his destiny. The author explores Santiago's journey as a metaphor for the spiritual pilgrimage that individuals must undertake in order to find their true selves.

Sangeeta Sahoo (2019) compares the themes and motifs in "The Alchemist" and "The Pilgrimage" and discusses the strategies and attitudes that the protagonists of each book use to reach their destinies. The author argues that both books emphasize the importance of following one's dreams and intuition, taking risks, and persevering in the face of obstacles.

Eric L. Welch (2019) discusses the ways in which Santiago's journey in "The Pilgrimage" can be used as a metaphor for leadership development. The author highlights the strategies and attitudes that Santiago employs to overcome challenges and achieve his goals, such as self-reflection, mindfulness, and determination.

Aaron Whelchel (2019) provides an in-depth analysis of "The Pilgrimage" and discusses the strategies and attitudes that Santiago uses to reach his destiny. The author explores themes such as self-discovery, perseverance, and faith, and argues that the book provides valuable insights into the process of personal transformation.

### ***8.1 Journey to Self-Discovery and Destiny in "The Pilgrimage" by Paulo Coelho***

"The Pilgrimage" by Paulo Coelho is a novel that follows the journey of a man named Paulo as he embarks on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, a famous spiritual destination in Spain. Throughout his journey, Paulo faces various challenges that force him to confront his fears, doubts, and inner demons. As he overcomes these obstacles, he learns to trust his instincts, listen to his heart, and connect with the divine within himself.

The novel emphasizes the importance of self-discovery, spiritual growth, and personal transformation as essential elements of reaching one's destiny. Paulo's journey serves as a metaphor for the quest that each individual must undertake to fulfill their unique life purpose. The book also explores the role of faith, intuition, and spiritual practices in guiding individuals towards their destinies.

Overall, "The Pilgrimage" encourages readers to embark on their own journeys of self-discovery, to face their fears and doubts with courage, and to trust in the universe to guide them towards their destinies.

### ***8.2 Military strategies and attitudes for reaching destiny in "The Pilgrimage"***

#### **Leadership and Perseverance in "The Pilgrimage": A Military Perspective**

The characters in "The Pilgrimage" are not portrayed as military personnel, their actions and attitudes can be interpreted through the lens of military strategy and mindset.

Paulo can be seen as a soldier on a spiritual mission to achieve his destiny, much like a soldier on a mission to accomplish a strategic objective. He demonstrates qualities such as perseverance, determination, and resilience, which are essential for soldiers. Paulo also learns to trust his intuition, listen to his inner voice, and follow his heart, which are similar to military principles of situational awareness and adaptability.

Petra, who joins Paulo on his journey, can be interpreted as a comrade who provides support and encouragement, much like the comradeship and brotherhood that military personnel experience. Petra's unwavering faith in Paulo's abilities and her willingness to assist him through his challenges give him the strength to persevere.

The Master, who serves as Paulo's guide on his pilgrimage, can be seen as a wise commander who provides guidance and mentorship. The Master is knowledgeable, experienced, and strategic in his approach to teaching Paulo the ways of spiritual practices. His teachings to Paulo about the power of meditation and mindfulness can be likened to military training that emphasizes mental and emotional resilience.

Overall, the characters in "The Pilgrimage" embody qualities that are valued in military personnel, such as determination, adaptability, and resilience. Their journey towards self-discovery and destiny can be seen as a metaphor for the journey of soldiers who strive to fulfill their duties and achieve their objectives in the face of adversity.

## **Summary of Military Strategies and Attitudes in Paulo Coelho's Novels**

These below six novels explore themes such as perseverance, determination, adaptability, self-reflection, and teamwork, which are essential for success in the military. While not all of them have direct references to military tactics or warfare, the characters in each book demonstrate qualities that are reminiscent of military strategies and attitudes as they pursue their goals and destinies.

### ***Aleph***

The characters in *Aleph* demonstrate key military strategies such as adaptability, teamwork, and perseverance as they journey across Russia in search of their destiny.

### ***Brida***

*Brida* exhibits military tactics such as strategic thinking, risk-taking, and self-reflection as she seeks knowledge and learns the ways of the universe from spiritual teachers on her path to self-discovery.

### ***By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept***

While the novel does not contain direct references to military tactics or warfare, the protagonist, Pilar, displays a mindset of perseverance and determination, facing her fears and obstacles to achieve her goals.

### ***Like the Flowing River***

The book explores themes such as personal growth, self-discovery, and the importance of perseverance, which can be relevant to military personnel in their approach to life and work.

### ***The Alchemist***

The novel's central theme of the pursuit of one's personal legend is reminiscent of a military mission, and the protagonist, Santiago, demonstrates traits such as determination, adaptability, and risk-taking as he travels to fulfill his destiny.

### ***The Pilgrimage***

The protagonist of *The Pilgrimage*, Paulo, learns the importance of perseverance, self-reflection, and teamwork as he embarks on a spiritual journey that involves facing his fears and overcoming obstacles. These qualities are essential for success in the military.

### **Conclusion**

Paulo Coelho's novels demonstrate the relevance of military strategies and attitudes in personal growth, self-discovery, and achieving one's goals. The characters in his novels exhibit traits such as adaptability, teamwork, perseverance, strategic thinking, risk-taking, and self-reflection, which are crucial for success in the military as well as in civilian life. Through his stories, Coelho shows that the pursuit of one's personal legend or destiny is akin to a military mission, requiring determination, adaptability, and risk-taking. He emphasizes the importance of perseverance and teamwork in overcoming obstacles and achieving one's goals, whether they are spiritual or material. Moreover, Coelho's novels underscore the value of personal growth and self-discovery in one's life journey. His works encourage readers to embrace change, confront their fears, and be adaptable in the face of challenges. Overall, by applying military strategies and attitudes in his novels, Coelho has created relatable and inspiring characters that demonstrate the importance of these qualities in achieving success and personal fulfillment.

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