

# An Overview of Military Thought

## 军事思想概述



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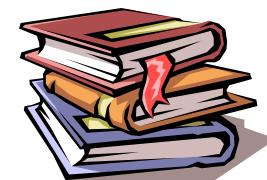
军事思想的概念

**1. Military thought is the rational cognition on the basic questions about war, army and national defense.**

军事思想是关于战争、军队和国防的基本问题的理性认识

**2. It is the experiential summary and theoretical generalisation of people's long-term military practice.**

是人们长期从事军事实践的经验总结和理论概括



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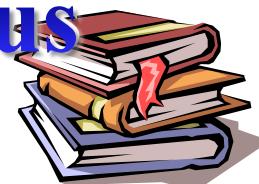
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## II. Carriers of Military Thought

军事思想的载体

1. Military works, especially works of military theory
2. Military practice of the commanders
3. Books on philosophy, history, literature, law and classic religious books and records



# Military thought

军事思想

Military theory of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin, and Mao Zedong Military Thought

马克思、恩格斯、列宁、斯大林军事理论、毛泽东军事思想

Military dialectics

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Chinese military thought in the history

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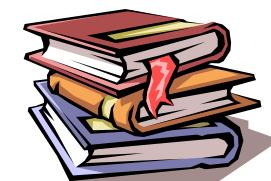


# **III. Contents of Military Thought**

**军事思想的内容**

**1. Questions at the level  
of military philosophy**

**2. Basic principles of  
military practice**



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# IV. Role & Functions of Military Thought

军事思想的作用

It provides general theoretical guidance on studying & resovling military problems.

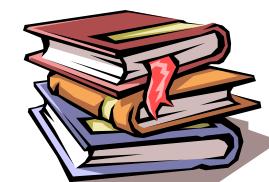
It plays a role of macroscopical and fundamental guidance on military practice



# IV. Role & Functions of Military Thought

军事思想的作用

1. It provides basic viewpoints for understanding military questions.
2. It offers thoughtway to anticipating military actions.
3. It provides overall guidance on various military activities



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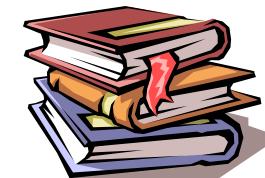
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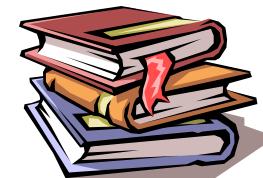
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中国古代军事思想(公元前21世纪--1840)

There are more than 3000 military books with  
*the Art of War by Sun Tzu* as representative.

以孙子兵法为代表的著名兵书3000多部

A. Historical background of  
*the Art of War by Sun Tzu*

孙子兵法的成书背景

B. Sun Tzu, author of *the Art of War*

孙子兵法的作者

# Historical background of *the Art of War by Sun Tzu*

《孙子兵法》产生的时代背景



## The Life of Sun Wu

孙武生平





# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Politically:

The rising landlord class came into being.

新兴地主阶级开始形成；



政

治



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Politically:

In transitional period  
from the Slavery system  
to the Feudal system.

奴隶制向封建制转化；



政

治



# I. Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Politically:

The annexation of one another and seeking hegemony by the dukedoms were intensified.

诸侯国兼并争霸激烈。



政

治



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Economically:  
**Agriculture**  
developed quickly.

农业迅速发展；



经  
济



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Economically:  
**Commodity economy  
came into being.**

商品经济出现；



经  
济



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Economically:

**Economy developed  
in the urban areas.**

城市发展



经  
济



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Ideologically and culturally:

The contention of a hundred schools of thought developed day by day.

“百家争鸣”局面初步形成；



思想文化



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Ideologically and culturally:

Belief in the  
heavens wavered.

对天的信仰动摇



思想文化



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Ideologically and culturally:

There was tendency  
of attaching importance to  
the people.

重民思想上升



思想文化



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Ideologically and culturally:

People of various talents coming out in succession

各种人才辈出。



思想文化



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Militarily:

The wars of seeking  
hegemony and annexing  
one another intensified.

争霸、兼并战争激烈



军  
事



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Militarily:

Numerous Strategists  
and famous generals.

兵家名将众多；



军  
事



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Militarily:

Military thought  
becoming mature  
day by day.

军事思想逐渐成熟；



军

事



# (1) Historical Background

## Transition from the Slave Society to the Feudal Society

奴隶社会向封建社会转化时期

Militarily:

More books on the art of war, many schools of thought, and in a more systematic way.

兵书多、流派多、较系统



军

事

## (2) Sun Wu's Life

孙子生平



Sun Wu  
( 500 B.C.)

孙武  
(公元前500年间)

Sun Wu, styled himself  
Chang Qing,  
Sun Zi, an honorific  
title 字长卿； 尊称： 孙子



# Sun Wu's Life



Sun Wu

(500BC)

孙 武

(公元前500年)

Born in LeAn (today's  
Huimin County in  
Shandong Province)  
of State Qi in late  
Spring and Autumn  
Period 春秋末期齐国乐安人  
(今山东惠民)



# Sun Wu's Life



# 孙子生平

## (2) Sun Wu's Life



Sun Wu  
( 500 B.C.)

孙武  
(公元前500年间)

Used to be a general  
in State Wu before  
512 B.C.

公元前512年为吴将

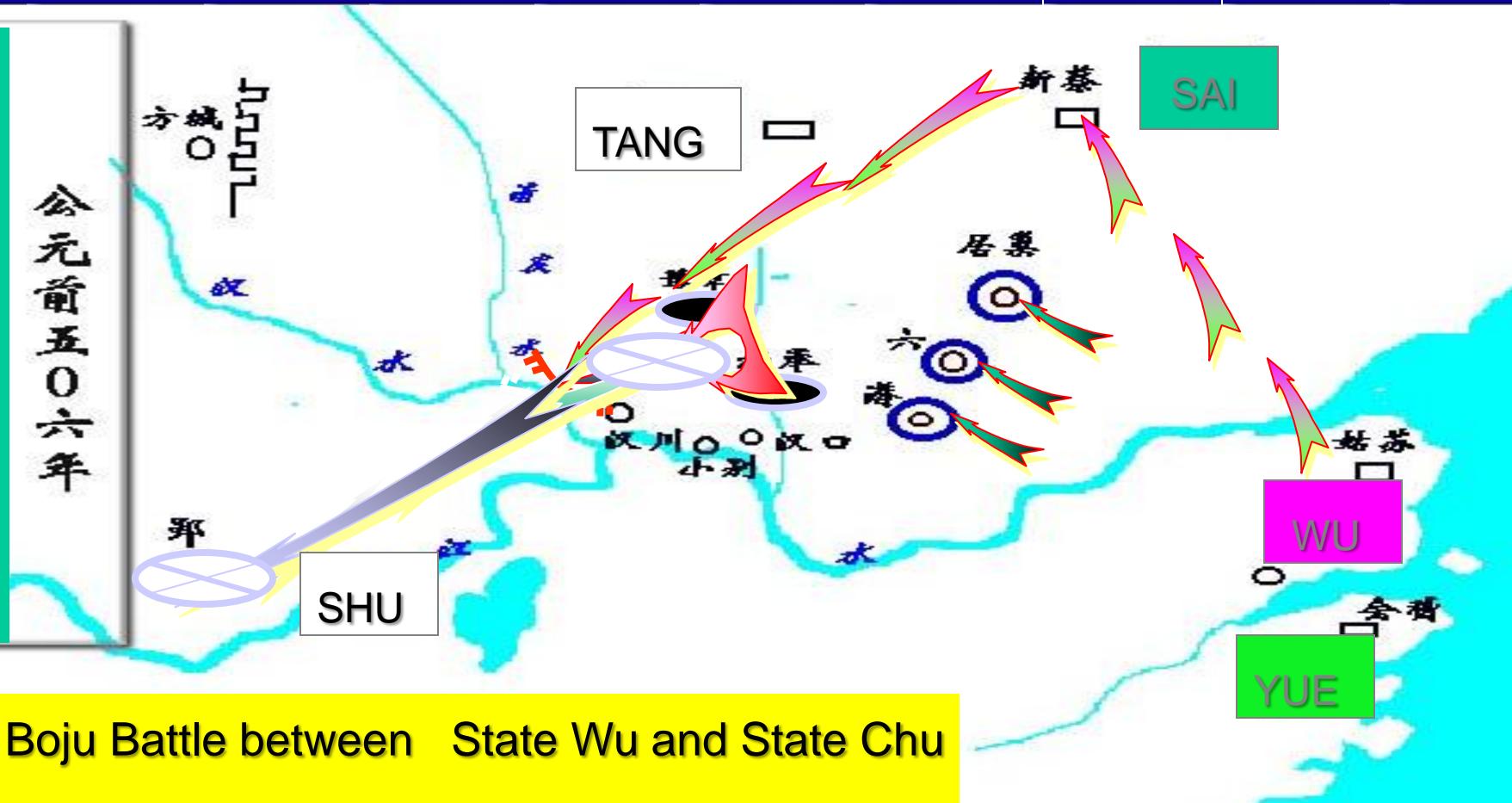


# Sun Wu's Life



# 吳楚柏舉之戰示意圖

公元前五〇六年



The Boju Battle between State Wu and State Chu  
506

# 孙子生平

## (2) Sun Wu's Life



Sun Wu  
( 500 B.C.)

孙武  
(公元前500年间)

Resigned his post and  
lived in seclusion.  
辞官、归隐



# V. Outline of Chinese Military Thought

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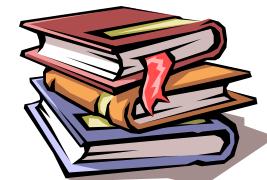
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中国近代军事思想(1840—1949)

### A. Sun Yat-sen's military thought

孙中山军事思想

### B. Mao Zedong military thought

毛泽东军事思想

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# China's Thought of army building in the new era

中国新时期军队建设思想





**Thank you!**

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