MAHAN, ALFRED THAYER
1840 - 1914

American naval historian and strategist. Advocate of sea power as a determinant of our nation's strength.

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Discusses how the works of Alfred Thayer Mahan influenced the U.S. Navy document "A Cooperative Strategy for 21st Century Seapower".
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"In Mahan we can find many lessons to guide us in our present and future decisions."

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Offers analysis of the strategic concepts of Alfred Mahan and Halford Mackinder.  
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Mahan's writings can still provide insights on decentralizing decision making, identifying potential foes, and selecting platforms for the surface fleet.


The impressions and recollections of Mahan's son provide useful insights into Admiral Mahan's character and personality.


At the age of 50, Alfred Thayer Mahan was a captain in the U.S. Navy, unknown outside the service, and considered even by fellow officers as possessing rather ordinary talents. A year later, his name was a byword throughout the navies of all civilized powers and his theories were read and endorsed by world leaders.


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