

Leadership Lessons from Great Commanders – Week 5 Assignment

Case Study Analysis – Leadership Pitfalls

The Battle of Midway is considered by many historians as a key turning point of the Pacific War (1941-1945). Japanese Admiral Yamamoto Isokoru had the greater fleet, the better skilled airmen and sailors, and the initiative. Yet he lost this battle – and lost big. Analyze his leadership do help determine why.

First, read Kellerman’s short article on “Bad Leaders” and then Read Ryan’s article on “History and Yamamoto.” Based on your understanding of the personal theories of leadership and requirements for “Great Command,” what pitfalls of leadership did Yamamoto fall into? Were these avoidable? Why or why not? Support your ideas from research of at least one additional source on Yamamoto.

Your paper must meet the following guidelines:

- 2-3 page paper, APA format with a minimum of two references.
- The first page of your paper will be a cover sheet correctly formatted according to APA guidelines.
- The second page will include an Abstract.
- This essay will use 1-inch margins, Times New Roman 12-point font, and double spacing.
- Any citations MUST be correctly formatted according to APA guidelines (there should be at least two, documenting where you got the information for your report).
- Do NOT use an automated citation manager to perform this function. Do it manually for this assignment and check your formatting against available GU approved APA resources.
- Excluding the cover page and references, this report must be **at least 2 pages** of written text. The entire paper must be your original work.

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