

Study Guide
“Ruling the Waves” (1993) directed by Nigel Turner

1. Russia maintains a fleet of nuclear attack submarines on the Kola Peninsula. Historically why did Russia prefer submarines to surface ships?
2. According to Rear Admiral Brent Bennett, what are the advantages of the United States maintaining carrier battle groups?
3. According to Sir Julian Oswald, First Sea Lord, why do maritime nations have to maintain naval forces?
4. The *Mary Rose* is the only 16th century warship on display anywhere in the world. Built between 1509 and 1511, she was a firm favorite of King Henry VIII. How did this vessel differ from earlier ships of war?
5. HMS *Victory* stands today as the world’s oldest commissioned warship. The ship has seen over 220 years of almost continuous naval service. According to Chief Petty Officer Peter Green, how was discipline maintained in the early days? What were the living conditions?
6. The pride of Queen Victoria, HMS *Warrior* revolutionized warship construction. The ship is a superb example of the technology of its day. What improvements made all other warships obsolete?
7. What lessons were learned by the British Navy in its conflict with Argentina after the 1982 Falklands War?
8. What critical lesson is taught at the Russian Submarine Training School in St. Petersburg?
9. A squadron of Russian submarines is maintained at Northern Fleet headquarters in Severomorsk. What is the single most vexing problem for submarine commanders?
10. Consider the use of airdropped ordnance from carrier-based aircraft. How does Chief Joseph Barlow regard such ordnance?
11. According to Captain Carter B Refo, what are some of the unique advantages of the aircraft carrier?
12. In the 1980s the Soviet Navy acquired its first true aircraft carrier *Admiral Kuznetsov*. What was the state of its operational readiness as of 1993?

13. Groton, Connecticut, is the headquarters of the Electric Boat Division of the General Dynamics Corporation. According to Thomas D. Kiddy, what was the impact of the cutbacks in submarine production during the 1990s?
14. According to John K. Welch, Vice President at Electric Boat, how many nuclear submarines were projected in 1989? How many as of 1993?
15. What happened to HMS *Prince of Wales* and HMS *Repulse* on December 10, 1941? What tactical lessons did the British learn? What strategic lessons did the Singaporeans learn?
16. According to Lt. Col Mike Chen, what are the primary duties and responsibilities of the Singaporean Navy? What assets do they have to carry out these duties?
17. How did Commander Dennis Mole of HMAS *Swan* put the Singaporean officers at ease during joint exercises?
18. What events triggered the neglect and poor state of maintenance of the Soviet fleet? What has been the impact of these developments on Russian naval officers?