Why Men Love War-Evan Thomas

Guideline Questions

1. Teddy Roosevelt said before WWI that “the burning of New York and a few other seacoast cities would be a good object lesson on the need for an adequate system of coastal defenses.” Is it feasible that modern American political and/or military leaders saw similar utility in the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?
2. Is the lust for war atavistic? Is this lust “fundamental to the male psyche” as Thomas suggests?
3. Thomas says that “War has been, for almost all peoples and all times, the purest test of manhood.” Do you buy into this notion? This idea of a willingness to test yourself in the crucible of warfare as a valid test of manhood?