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Title: Circumstances that have Led Ephialtes to Become a Villian.

Ephialtes was considered to be the villain of the action movie 300. ~~He~~ ^{He had} betrayed the Spartan group by joining the Persian group which led Spartans towards defeat. However, as per the author, Ephialtes was not an evil. Some circumstances led him in doing so. Firstly, the healthy new born babies were going to be trained for joining an army. Secondly, the weak or disabled babies were killed. Thirdly, they were not given an opportunity to perform other tasks. Finally, Ephialtes was one of the disabled babies. His parents flee the sparta, went to the caves, and he ^{had} got training from his father. Later, when he asked Leonidas to let him join the army of 300. He was once again rejected. He could have killed some Persian soldiers if he had given a chance. Resultantly, this led him to join Persian army. To him, wealth and power was nothing over the loyalty, a uniform, and the noble death.

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Q1/- why was Patton considered a controversial military figure?

Ans:- General George S. Patton was considered to be a controversial military figure. This was because of his aggressive policies and outspoken views. Once he had said that he had done a biggest mistake ~~to~~ not to counter Moscow ~~during the war~~ and defeated a wrong enemy. This was criticized by many news articles and books.

Q2/- Was the perspective of Patton according to Alan Axelrod justified?

Ans: Yes, the perspective of Alan Axelrod in his book, "Patton: A Biography" was a direct criticism over Patton's aggressive tactics. He says that Patton's wrong policies have posed a greater threat to American democracy by not containing the rising power of Soviet Union. Still, that decision to defeat Germany only, posed several complications for America till today, by facing the repercussions of cold war.

Q3/- What would have happened if Patton had captured Moscow?

Ans: As per Michael Peck, in his article, titled "What if Patton Had Captured Moscow?" ^{he} said that capturing the Moscow would have reduced the risk of the happenings of ^{the} cold war. It could have prevented it.

Q4/- Describe the contrasting and complementary sentiments mentioned in the text?

Ans:- The major contrasting and complementary sentiments mentioned in the text

are that some believe that General Patton's belief on defeating the wrong enemy i.e. Germany could have reduced the repercussions of World War II that have led America and Russia towards a cold war. While others believe that Patton's decision was valuable for the upcoming leaders to learn from it.

Q5/- Are there any valuable lessons the leaders may infer from such views of Patton?

Ans:- Yes, according to some thinkers, Patton's views on thinking out of the box in that circumstance have laid a foundation of the lesson for many upcoming leaders.