BIOGRAPHY OF JENDRAL SUDIRMAN

Jenderal Sudirman is remembered as one of Indonesia's greatest military leaders and national heroes. Born on 24 January 1916 in Purbalingga, Central Java, he was adopted by a teacher and grew up with strong discipline, humility, and a deep sense of responsibility. These early influences shaped the principled and determined character that later guided his leadership in Indonesia's struggle for independence.

Sudirman's public journey began when he became a teacher at a Taman Siswa school and later joined the Kyai Haji Muhammad Kholil Islamic organization. His commitment to education showed his belief in empowering people through knowledge. During the Japanese occupation, he joined the PETA (Pembela Tanah Air) military training program. His rapid rise to company commander revealed his natural leadership, courage, and strategic thinking.

In October 1945, shortly after Indonesia declared independence, Sudirman was elected Commander of the People's Security Army (TKR). This event marked an important turning point, showing the trust people had in his integrity and patriotism. On 18 December 1945, he proved his bravery and tactical skill by leading the troops in the Battle of Ambarawa, successfully driving out British and Dutch forces. This victory demonstrated his perseverance and decisiveness, earning him the title of General at only 29 years old.

When the Dutch launched Operation Kraai in December 1948, Sudirman was already gravely ill with tuberculosis. Despite being advised to rest, he chose to lead the army in the Guerilla March (Gerilya) lasting seven months. He travelled on a stretcher through forests and mountains across Central Java, refusing to surrender. This remarkable journey reflected his extraordinary resilience, loyalty to the nation, and unwavering commitment to independence.

Sudirman returned to Yogyakarta in July 1949, proving that Indonesia's military resistance remained strong. His dedication deeply inspired the Indonesian people during negotiations leading to full sovereignty. Sadly, his health continued to decline, and he passed away on 29 January 1950 at only 34 years old.

Today, Jenderal Sudirman is honored as a symbol of integrity, sacrifice, courage, and relentless patriotism—a leader who fought for Indonesia until his last breath.

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Read the text and explain your point of view using this table.

No.	Question	Explanation
1.	Explain the situation that the figure faced in the event.	
2.	Explain the characters involved in the event.	
3.	Explain the moral lesson that you can learn from the event.	

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