

Robert James Marple: A Visionary Educationist and Administrator

Robert James Marple was a visionary educationist and administrator who made significant contributions to the field of education in the United States. He was born in 1860 in a small town in Ohio, and he went on to earn a degree in education from the University of Michigan. After graduating, he worked as a teacher and principal in several schools before becoming the superintendent of schools in Cleveland, Ohio. As superintendent, he implemented a number of innovative reforms, including the of kindergartens and manual training programs. He also helped to establish the Cleveland Public Library and the Western Reserve University.

In 1895, Marple was appointed as the first president of the National Education Association (NEA). During his presidency, he worked to improve the quality of education in the United States. He also advocated for the professionalization of teaching and the establishment of a national department of education. Marple's work had a significant impact on the development of education in the United States, and he is considered to be one of the most influential educationists of his time.



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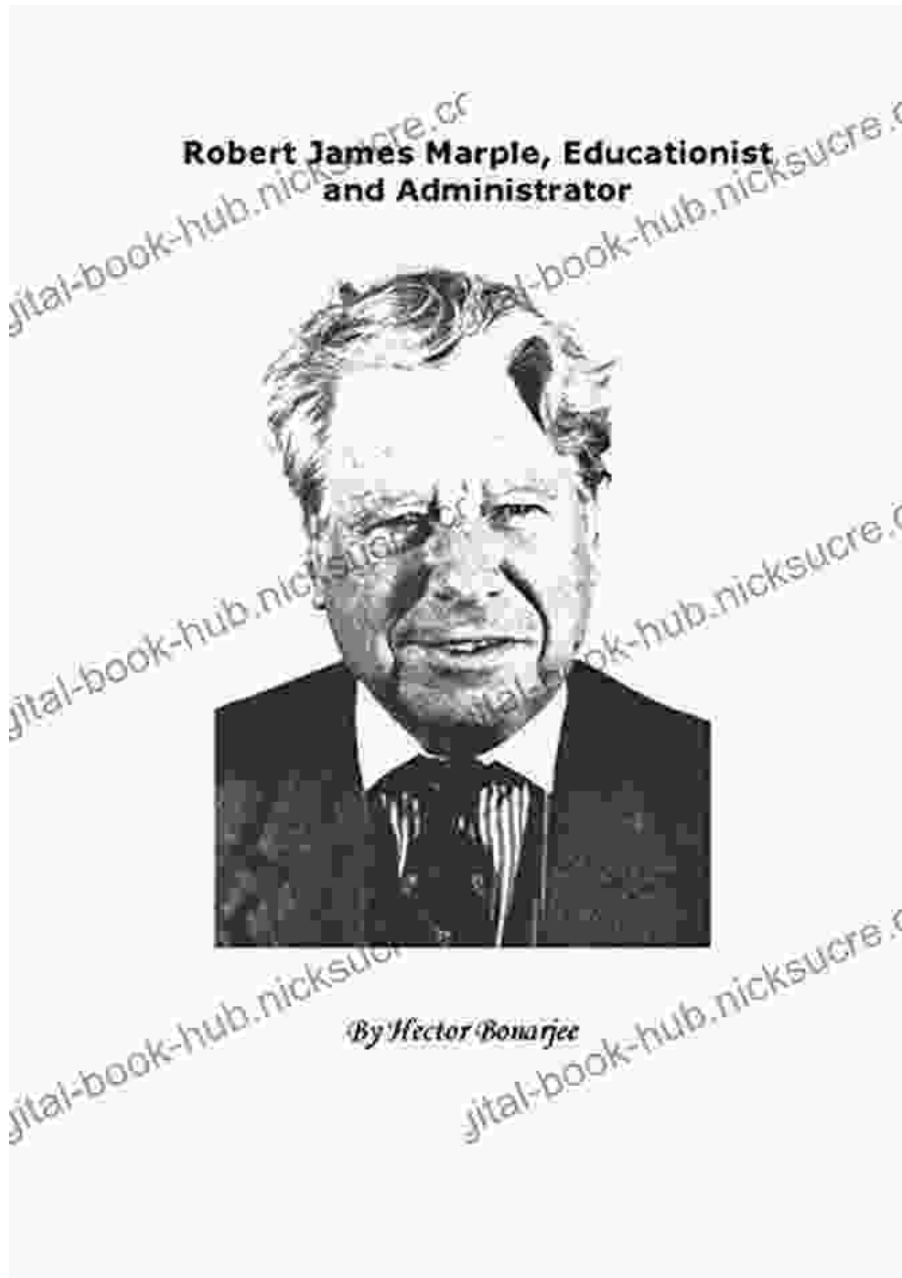
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Early Life and Education

Robert James Marple was born on March 12, 1860, in the small town of Milan, Ohio. He was the son of James and Mary Marple, and he had two

older sisters. Marple's father was a farmer, and his mother was a schoolteacher. Marple grew up in a religious household, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He attended the local public schools, and he graduated from Milan High School in 1878. After graduating from high school, Marple attended the University of Michigan, where he studied education. He graduated in 1882 with a degree in pedagogy.

Teaching Career

After graduating from college, Marple began his teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Ohio. He taught for two years before becoming the principal of a small elementary school in Cleveland. In 1890, he was appointed as the superintendent of schools in Cleveland. As superintendent, Marple implemented a number of innovative reforms, including the of kindergartens and manual training programs. He also helped to establish the Cleveland Public Library and the Western Reserve University.

National Education Association

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Later Life and Legacy

After serving as president of the NEA, Marple continued to work as an educationist and administrator. He served as the president of the Ohio State University from 1903 to 1913. He also served as the president of the National Council of Education from 1907 to 1909. Marple died in 1921 at the age of 61. He is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

Marple's legacy as an educationist and administrator is significant. He was a visionary leader who worked to improve the quality of education in the United States. He was also a strong advocate for the professionalization of teaching and the establishment of a national department of education. Marple's work had a lasting impact on the development of education in the United States, and he is considered to be one of the most influential educationists of his time.



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