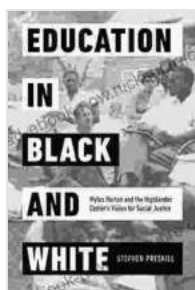


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Myles Horton: A Pioneer of Social Justice Education

Myles Horton was born in 1906 in Savannah, Tennessee. He was the son of a sharecropper and a schoolteacher. Horton grew up in poverty and experienced firsthand the injustices that poor people faced in the South. He was also inspired by the work of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Du Bois, who were fighting for the rights of African Americans.

In 1932, Horton founded the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee. The school was dedicated to training young people from the South to become leaders in the fight for social justice. Horton believed that education should be based on the experiences of the people who are being educated, and he developed a method of participatory learning that has been used by activists around the world.

The Highlander Center quickly became a center for social justice activism. In the 1930s, the school was a training ground for organizers who were working to unionize textile workers in the South. In the 1940s, the school became involved in the civil rights movement. And in the 1960s, the school was a training ground for activists who were working to end the Vietnam War.

Horton was a strong believer in nonviolence. He believed that social change could be achieved through peaceful resistance and that violence

would only lead to more violence. Horton's nonviolent philosophy was influenced by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.

Horton was also a strong advocate for the rights of poor people. He believed that poverty was a form of injustice and that it was the responsibility of the government to help poor people out of poverty. Horton's work was instrumental in the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, which created the Head Start program and other programs to help poor people.

Horton died in 1990, but his legacy continues to live on. The Highlander Center is still operating today, and it continues to train activists who are working to fight for social justice.

The Highlander Center: A Model for Social Change

The Highlander Center is a unique institution that has played a key role in many of the most important social justice movements in the United States. The school's mission is to train activists who are committed to fighting for social change.

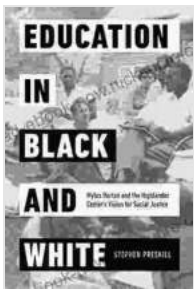
The Highlander Center's approach to education is based on the principle of participatory learning. This means that students are not simply passive recipients of knowledge, but rather active participants in the learning process. Students are encouraged to share their own experiences and to work together to develop solutions to social problems.

The Highlander Center also has a strong commitment to nonviolence. The school believes that social change can be achieved through peaceful resistance and that violence will only lead to more violence.

The Highlander Center has trained some of the most important social justice leaders in the United States, including Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez. The school has also played a key role in the labor movement, the environmental movement, and the anti-war movement.

The Highlander Center is a model for social change. The school's approach to education and its commitment to nonviolence have helped to make it a powerful force for justice in the United States.

Myles Horton was a great American educator and activist who dedicated his life to fighting for social justice. The Highlander Folk School that he founded has played a key role in many of the most important social justice movements in the United States. The school's approach to education and its commitment to nonviolence have made it a powerful force for justice.



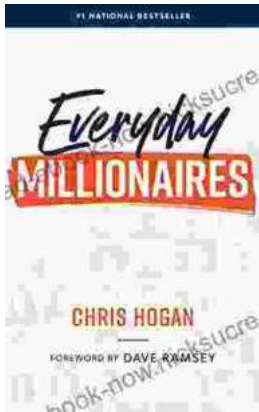
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