

JOHN AMOS COMENIUS'S MAP OF MORAVIA

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ABSTRACT

This article explores a significant cartographic achievement by John Amos Comenius, his map of Moravia that extends beyond the realm of education. Initially, the article will discuss the creator of the map, his life, sources of inspiration, educational contributions, and his significance for Moravia, where he was born, as well as the reasons for his exile. After that, we will focus on the significance of Comenius's Map of Moravia. We will examine the historical background of the creation of the map in the 17th century, considering the political and social conditions of that era and possible motivations that prompted Comenius to create it. The section dedicated to the map's technical aspects will offer an in-depth explanation of its creation process, including the engravings used and it will concentrate on the geographic features. Furthermore, we will explore how the map reflected the broader intellectual currents of the time. In conclusion, we will review the map's relevance to Moravian history and culture and consider the lasting impact of John Amos Comenius's work in today's world. This article aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of Comenius's contributions and their enduring legacy.

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INTRODUCTION

In the 17th century, John Amos Comenius created a detailed map of Moravia, which had significant historical and geographical importance. This map was a thorough depiction of the Moravian region and a key tool for understanding the roads, settlements, and natural landmarks of the time. It accurately represented towns, rivers, and mountains, offering valuable information for navigation and planning. As a basis for future cartographic projects, it remains an essential part of Central Europe's cultural heritage.

John Amos Comenius's Map of Moravia is a notable cartographic achievement, standing out as one of the most precise and detailed maps of Moravia from that era. Although Comenius is mainly known as an educator and philosopher, this map established him as an influential cartographer, with his work serving as a vital reference for future generations.

John Amos Comenius was a versatile and remarkable figure. The father of modern education, philosopher, humanist, and theologian, was born in what is now the Czech