



Critically explore a historical event that has significantly had an impact on the education of language in Wales.

EISTEDDFOD

Facts about Wales

- ❖ **There are four times more the amount of sheep then there are people in Wales.**
- ❖ **Marconi (who invented the radio) did his first radio test in Wales in 1897.**
- ❖ **Wales has the most castles in one country than any other in the world.**
- ❖ **K, Q, V and Z are letters not seen in the Welsh language.**
- ❖ **Roald Dahl was christened in the Norwegian church in Cardiff Bay and he lived in a Tudor house opposite the Llandaff Cathedral School where he went to read his stories to the children.**
- ❖ **Only 19%of the welsh population actually speak Welsh**



(ltv.com)

What is the history of the Welsh language?

- ❖ **4000 years old**
- ❖ **One of the oldest living languages in Europe**
- ❖ **Originates from Celtic language**
- ❖ **Before Roman invasion, spoken across Europe as far as Turkey**



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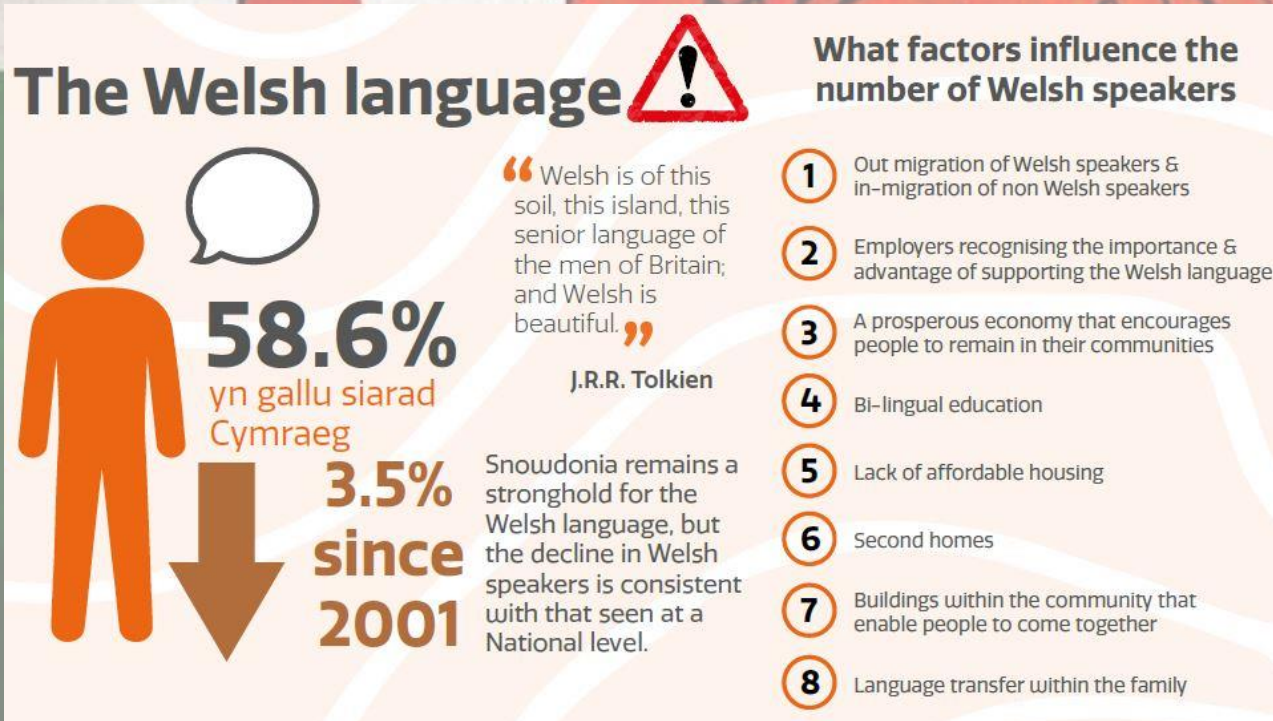


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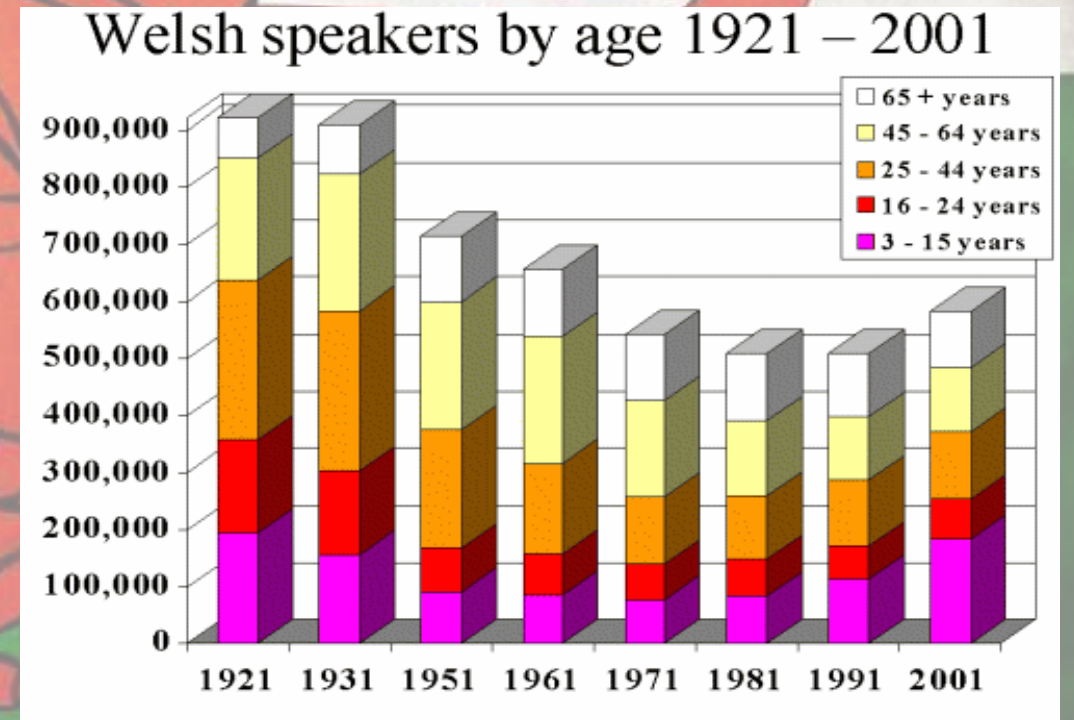
Why does the Welsh language need promoting?

- ❖ In 1800 Welsh was the main spoken language in the majority of Wales
- ❖ By 1901 this proportion had declined to over half
- ❖ By 20th century Welsh speakers were shrinking at a rate suggestion the language would become extinct

- ❖ Plaid Cymru, The Party of Wales was founded in 1925 with the primary aim of promoting Welsh language



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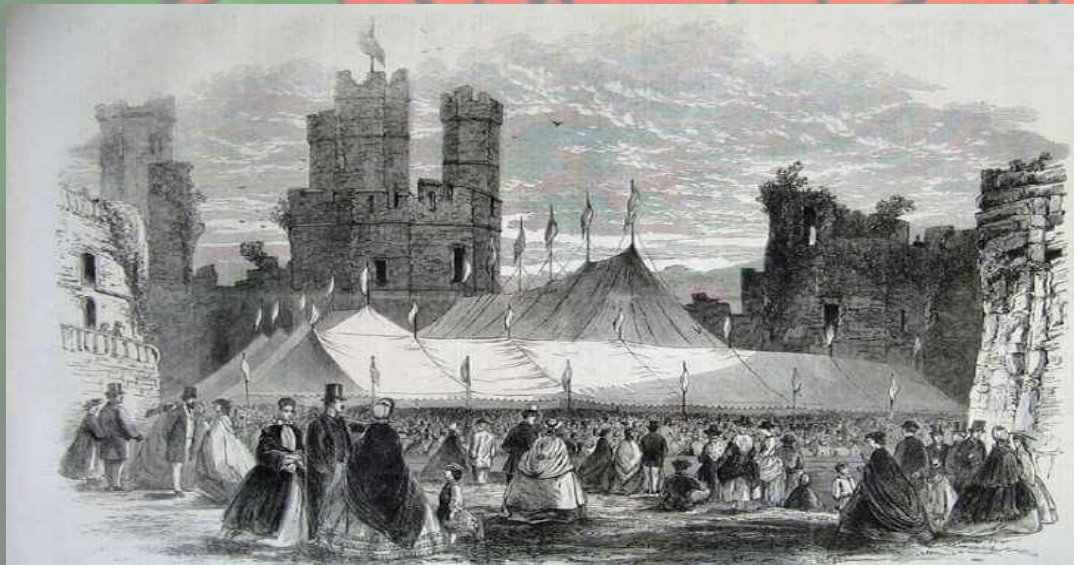
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National Eisteddfod

- ❖ **First Eisteddfod was held in 1176 by Lord Rhys in his castle in Cardigan**
- ❖ **Poets and musicians from all over Wales were invited**
- ❖ **First National Eisteddfod was held in Abadare in 1861**
- ❖ **With the exception of 1914 and 1940 the National Eisteddfod has been held alternatively between North and South Wales annually**



(Historic-UK.com)



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- ❖ **Promotes Welsh language and culture**
- ❖ **Not only for Welsh speakers, everyone is welcome**
- ❖ **Attracts over 150,000 people per year**

- ❖ **Traditionally held in the first week of August**
- ❖ **Eisteddfod act of 1959 allowed local authorities to give the event financial support**
- ❖ **Hundreds of tents, pavilions and booths are erected in an open space to create the maes**



(Northwaleschronicle.co.uk)



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- ❖ **Main literacy prizes for poetry and music**
- ❖ **Ceremonies held under the auspices of the Gorsedd of Bard**
- ❖ **Traditional costumes, flower dances, trumpet fanfares and symbolic horn of plenty**
- ❖ **Award of a crown or chair for poetry is a great honour and these ceremonies are the highlight of the week**
- ❖ **Stone circle is created and represent all icons across Wales and symbolises the Eisteddfod having visited the community**



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- ❖ **Introduces Welsh to unfamiliar audience**
- ❖ **Changes attitudes towards the language**
- ❖ **Encourages people to learn and use the language**
- ❖ **Promotes the culture, food and lifestyle.**
- ❖ **Creates economic and social regeneration in addition to strengthening the infrastructure of the Welsh language**
- ❖ **Draws communities together**
- ❖ **Creates a focus and pride**
- ❖ **Includes social, cultural, educational, linguistic and economical activity**
- ❖ **Creates a long term legacy**



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