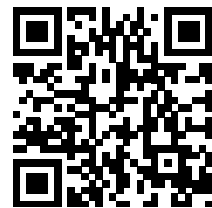


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# Economic Activities in Early Welsh Society



Wales, during its early history, had an economy primarily based on \_\_\_\_\_. The Welsh people were skilled farmers, cultivating crops and raising animals such as \_\_\_\_\_ and cattle. The landscape of Wales, with its rolling hills and fertile \_\_\_\_\_, was perfect for such activities. Sheep farming was particularly important, providing wool for \_\_\_\_\_ and trade.

Mining also played a crucial role in the Welsh \_\_\_\_\_. Wales was rich in resources like coal and iron ore, which became increasingly important with the advent of the Industrial \_\_\_\_\_. The mines attracted workers from across Wales and beyond, transforming the economy and \_\_\_\_\_.

Trade was another cornerstone of the Welsh economy. Welsh ports were bustling with \_\_\_\_\_, exporting goods like wool, coal, and iron to England and other countries.

This exchange facilitated cultural and economic \_\_\_\_\_ with neighboring regions.

Craftsmanship in Wales was highly valued, with artisans producing goods ranging from intricate Celtic \_\_\_\_\_ to practical woolen garments. These products were not only used locally but also traded, enhancing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Welsh craftsmanship far and wide.

Education and knowledge played a role in economic development as well. The \_\_\_\_\_ were known for their bardic tradition, where bards would travel, sharing news, stories, and knowledge. This tradition helped in spreading \_\_\_\_\_ and ideas, contributing to the economic and cultural richness of Wales.

Despite these strengths, the Welsh economy faced challenges such as \_\_\_\_\_ and political instability, which could disrupt trade and agriculture. However, the resilience and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Welsh people allowed them to overcome such obstacles and maintain a robust \_\_\_\_\_ throughout their early history.

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