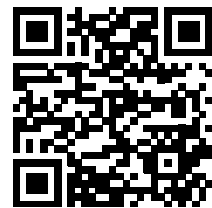


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# Welsh Language Roots



In ancient times, the \_\_\_\_\_ were among the first to inhabit what is now known as Wales. Their language, \_\_\_\_\_, has survived through centuries, making it one of the oldest languages in \_\_\_\_\_ still spoken today. Historians believe that Welsh began to develop as a distinct language around the \_\_\_\_\_ century, following the Roman withdrawal from Britain. This era, known as the Early Welsh period, was crucial for the language's formation. Many \_\_\_\_\_ from this time are found on stones and artifacts, showcasing the early form of Welsh. The language played a significant role in the \_\_\_\_\_ and identity of the Welsh people, being used in literature, legal documents, and daily communication. Despite the pressures of \_\_\_\_\_ invasions and later English dominance, Welsh persisted, evolving over time. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Hywel Dda, written in Welsh, were a testament to the language's prestige and functionality in society. The \_\_\_\_\_, a collection of medieval Welsh tales, further illustrates the rich literary \_\_\_\_\_ of Wales. Throughout history, Welsh has been a marker of \_\_\_\_\_ and pride against assimilation, maintaining its importance in Welsh identity. Today, \_\_\_\_\_ to revive and promote Welsh are significant, reflecting its enduring legacy and the \_\_\_\_\_ of its speakers.

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