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Wales Facts

Wales is a country located in the European continent on the island of **Great Britain**. countries that make up t **Cardiff** is the capital of W city. Approximately three mostly in the south and e

Welsh and English are the majority of the people sp is *"Cymru am byth,"* which "Long live Wales."

Wales is bordered on the west by the Irish Sea, an Channel. People in Wales d

Pound sterling (GBP) is the official currency used in t Wales is made up of a rec background. The dragon i its right foot raised.

The weather in Wales is m wet.

The major religion in Wales called Saint Dewi) is the pc

The national flowers of W leek.

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Wales Facts

Fill in the graphic organizer with facts yo Wales.

Official Name: _____

Motto: _____

Population: _____

Capital: _____

Official Language: _____

Currency: _____

Major Religion: _____

National Symbols: _____

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History of Wales

Neanderthals lived in Wales ago. Homo sapiens first c ago. During the iron age, C dominated the region. Ror conquere the area area was Brittonic differen Welsh p

King were long and led t Englis conq CE ar Glyn fough Wales soon that have

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History of Wales

Write about the different periods of the history of Wales.

FIRST,	NEXT,
THEN,	TODAY,

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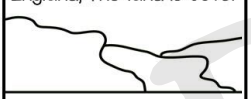
Geography of Wales

Wales is located on the w Great Britain. It is appro kilometers in size.

The southern part of th plains. The middle and nor mostly of hills and moun

Snowdon is 3,560 feet an England and Wales. The C about two thirds of the

The coastline is over 1,30 beaches to towering cliff England, the land is cover



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Geography of W

Fill in the graphic organizer with facts y the geography of Wales

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Government of Wales

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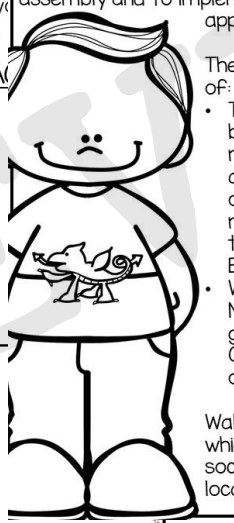

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Government of Wales

Describe each term about Welsh government in the boxes below.

FIRST MINISTER

WELSH & DEPUTY MINISTERS

COUNSEL GENERAL

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Welsh Council Areas

Wales is divided into 22 (
council area

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Welsh Council A

Answer Key

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http://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment
authorities/?lang=en

Powys	Flint
Gwynedd	Rhondda
Carmarthenshire	Swa
Ceredigion	Vale of (
Pembrokeshire	Cae
Conwy	Bric
Monmouthshire	Nev
Denbighshire	Car
Anglesey	Tor
Wrexham	Merthyr Tydfil
Neath Port Talbot	Blaenau Gwent

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The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is also known as the United Kingdom (UK), Great Britain (GB), or Britain. The United Kingdom is made up of four countries:

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland

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joined the United Kingdom i
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in between the Atlantic Oc
Sea. The English Channel se
United Kingdom from Fran

The United Kingdom has a
government, which meets
Parliament of Westminste
up of two houses: the Hou
Commons and the House c
The Prime Minister is the le
the government.

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The United Kingdom

Answer the following questions about the United Kingdom in complete sentences.

1. Which countries are part of the U.K.?

2. When was the United Kingdom formed?

3. When did Ireland join the United Kingdom?

4. Describe the government of the U.K.

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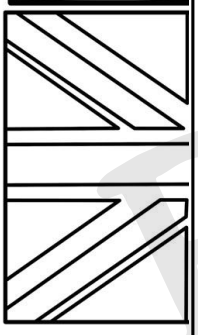
Welsh Flag

Color the Welsh



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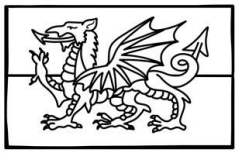

The flag of Wales has a red dragon on a w
background. The dragon is the red dragor
which is a symbol for the king of Wales fro
The red and green are the colors of the Tu
It was officially recognized as the Welsh na

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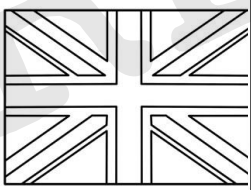

The Union Jack is the official flag of the United Kingdom. It has a blue background, a red and white X, and a red and white cross. The current design of the Union Jack was adopted in 1801 when Great Britain united with Ireland.

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Welsh Castles

In medieval times, castles served many purposes, such as being military bases, jails, sites for executions, housing for visiting nobles, and symbolic seats of power. Today, castles are studied by architects, archaeologist
serve as stately homes, hot

Fun facts about castles in W

- Wales has several hundre
per square mile than any
- Chepstow Castle is the ol
fortification in Britain. Co
Norman Lord William Fitz
- The largest castle in Wale
is Caerphilly Castle. It wc
century.
- Many of the castles in W
England to try to suppres
the coasts from pirate r
- Conwy castle and Caerna
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  - Construction of Caer
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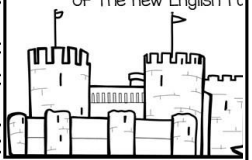

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Welsh Castles

Answer the following questions about the Welsh castles in complete sentences.

1. What were castles used for?

2. What is special about Chepstow Castle?

3. Which castle is the largest castle in Wales?

4. Which castles are visited the most?

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Rugby

Answer the following qu
s

1. How many players a

2. How big is a rugby f

3. Where did rugby or

4. Do the Welsh and En

Rugby

Rugby union, commonly known as rugby, is t
of Wales.

It is a contact team sport played in many countries around the world. Two teams of 15 players play against each other. The ball is oval. The field is rectangle and is 100 meters long and 70 meters wide. There is an H-shaped goal post at each end of the field. The game is played for 80 minutes (two 40-minute halves).

The sport originated at Rugby School in Rugby, Warwickshire, England. It is thought to have reached Wales in the 1850s. The national body, the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) was formed in 1881.

The teams from England and Wales are bitter arch rivals. When they play each other, towns and villages across the country of Wales will come to a standstill as fans watch should-to-shoulder in pubs.

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Welsh Symbols

Write about how leeks an

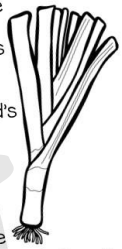
Leek

Daffodil

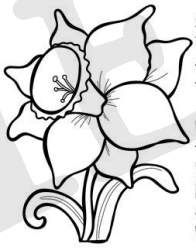
National Symbols

The Leek

According to one legend, the soldiers of an ancient British king, Cadwaladyr, were about to go into battle against the Saxons. On the night before the battle, Dewi Sant (Saint David) told the Britons to wear leaks in their caps to help tell the friends from the enemies. They won a great victory. Now, people wear leaks on Saint David's (March 1st).



A second legend says that in 1346 CE, fighting for the Prince of Wales, Edward the Black Prince, Welsh archers fought bravely in a field of leeks and defeated the French a the Battle of Crecy. The Welsh began to wear leeks as a reminder of their bravery and loyalty.



The Daffodil

Saint David has been a popular saint in Wales since the 12th century, and his feast day became a national festival in the 18th century.

Daffodils bloom in early spring, around the time of Saint David's day. Prime Minister Lloyd George (in office 1916 to 1922) was said to have worn a daffodil on Saint David's day, and this may have helped popularize it.

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Welsh Traditions

Write one interesting fact about the Welsh traditions you
re

Love Spoons

Noson Gyflaith

Calennig

Welsh Tradit

Love Spoons

Love Spoons are decoratively carved wood
were traditionally presented from a men t
gift of romantic intent. If the woman acc
spoon, she showed her interest in him. The
carved from a single piece of wood and der
the skill of the man who carved it. A spoor
symbols of love such as hearts, bells, horse
Celtic knots.

Noson Gyflaith

Toffee night (Noson Gyflaith) was a traditic
the Christmas or New Year celebration in n
Wales. People covered their hands in butter
attempted to pull the toffee (also called t
was very warm. It took skill to twist and p
until it became golden yellow in color. This c
very popular in the late 1800s and early 190

Calennig

Gift giving on New Year's Day is an ancient c
Wales, children would go from house to hou
good wishes for health and prosperity. The
and receive small gifts of food or money.
of Wales, people still carry out this tradition. The capital city, Cardiff, holds Calennig celebrations at the Cardiff Civic Centre, including free music, rides, fireworks, and ice skating.

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Welsh Castles

You and your friends are traveling around Wales and come
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Welsh Castles

You and your friends are traveling around Wales and come across a castle. Describe what it is like.

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Welsh Slang

Write a story using as many Welsh slang words as you can!

Welsh Slang

- Tidy - fantastic, great, brilliant
- Ych a fi - something is rude or disgust
- Mush - a term of love or endearment
- Mitching - to skip school
- Lush - something that is very nice
- Chopsing - when someone is arguing
- Buzzing - has two meanings: 1) somethi unpleasant, 2) to be excited about sor
- Dwt/Dwtty - someone who is small or
- I'm not being funny - someone says t have something serious to tell you
- Alright or Wha? - hello
- Iechyd Da - cheers
- Cymru am byth - long live Wales or W
- Daps - a pair of tennis shoes
- What's occurin' - a phrased used wher someone
- Drive - a bus driver
- Bach - my dear
- Cart - to carry
- Conflab - a chat
- Flicks - the movies
- Gyp - trouble
- Heaving - very busy
- Pikelet - a small pancake
- Scram - to scratch
- Swill - to wash
- Twp - describes someone or something that is silly

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Wales Vocabulary

	Definition	Draw a picture
	Used in a sentence	
	Definition	Draw a picture
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Wales Vocabulary

1. Wales: _____
2. United Kingdom: _____
3. Cardiff: _____
4. Pound Sterling: _____
5. Owain Glyndwr: _____
6. Laws in Wales Acts: _____

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Wales Vocabul

7. Cambrian mountains: _____
8. Welsh Assembly Government: _____
9. First Minister: _____
10. Council Areas: _____
11. Chepstow Castle: _____
12. Caerphilly Castle: _____

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Wales Vocabulary

13. Rugby: _____
14. Leek: _____
15. Daffodil: _____
16. Love Spoons: _____
17. Noson Gyflaith: _____
18. Calenning: _____

Wales Vocabulary Answer Key

- Wales - a country located in Europe that is one of the four countries on the island of Great Britain and is part of the United Kingdom.
- United Kingdom - made up of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
- Cardiff - the capital city of Wales.
- Pound Sterling - the currency used in Wales.
- Owain Glyndwr - a Prince of Wales who fought and restored independence to Wales in the early 1400s.
- Laws in Wales Acts - made Wales a part of the Kingdom of England during the 1500s.
- Cambrian mountains - mountains that make up about two thirds of Wales.
- Welsh Assembly Government - the current government in Wales, it was established in 1999.
- First Minister - appointed by the monarch in England and represents the Crown in Wales.
- Council Areas - the local governments in Wales that are responsible for education, social work, environment, and other local government services.
- Chepstow Castle - the oldest surviving post-Roman stone fortification in Britain.
- Caerphilly Castle - the largest castle in Wales and the second-largest in Britain.
- Rugby - the national sport of Wales.
- Leek - a national symbol of Wales that comes from two Welsh legends.
- Daffodil - the national flower of Wales.
- Love Spoons - decoratively carved wooden spoons and were traditionally presented from a men to women as a gift of romantic intent.
- Noson Gyflaith - also known as toffee night; a traditional part of Christmas or New Years celebrations in northern Wales.
- Calenning - gift giving on New Years Day.

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Word Search

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CAERPHILLY
CARDIFF
COUNCIL
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All About Wales

Write about what it is like in Wales. Draw a picture of what you have

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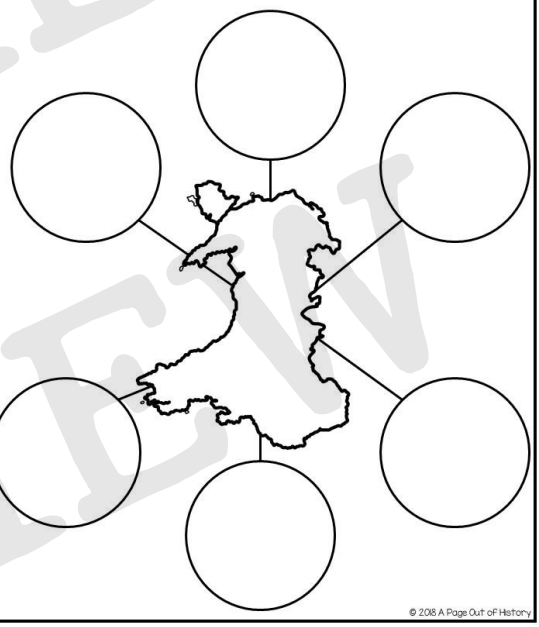
Graphic Organizer

Fill in the graphic organizer with facts about Wales.



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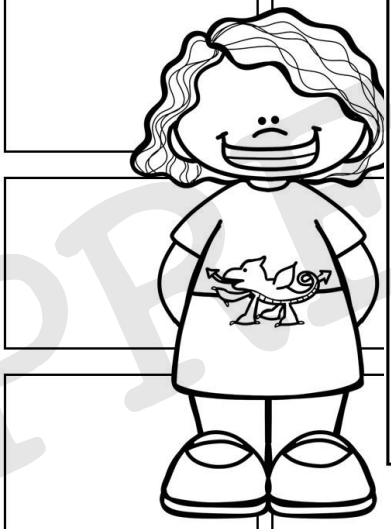

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Research Word Search

Create a word search with words about your famous Welsh person. Swap with a frien

Word Bank

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Research Project

Research a famous Welsh person. Fill in the graphic organizer with facts you learned about your Welsh person.

My Welsh Person: _____

Born _____

Died: _____

Famous for: _____

Illustration

Timeline of important events

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k.w.l. chart

What I already KNOW	What I WANT to learn	What I LEARNED

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Compare & Contrast

Wales

Where I live

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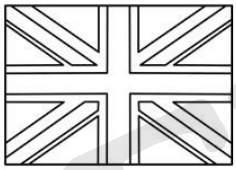
Compare & Contrast



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