Legends of the lakes of Wales: thematic classification and analysis


Abstract

This paper seeks to collect as many Welsh lake legends as possible, to produce a thematic classification and to analyse each resultant category and subcategory from a historical point of view. The collection of lake stories is substantially based upon several reliable works edited during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, which are also the base for more recent volumes. After an thorough research, I gathered legends about more than forty lakes. The next step was classifying them into three main categories, namely legends of fairies, legends of catastrophes and legends of magic and ghosts. Finally, the analyses of the tales consisted of identifying relevant folklore motifs, trying to fit them into a historical context within the Celtic world. That process opened the way to propose and revise theories about the appearance of such motives and, to a certain extent, the possible origin of each legend and its influence on later Welsh traditions. In conclusion, the research underlines the importance of lake mythology as a contributor to a better understanding of Welsh culture.

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This is a list of lakes in Wales. Most lakes in Wales start with the word "Llyn", which is Welsh for "Lake". All lakes listed here are named on the relevant Ordnance Survey map at 1:25000 scale. In terms of surface area, the ten largest lakes in Wales are. Llyn Tegid (Bala Lake) — 1,196 acres (4.84 km2). Llyn Trawsfynydd — 1,180 acres (4.8 km2). Lake Vyrnwy — 1,120 acres (4.5 km2). Llyn Brenig — 894 acres (3.62 km2). Llyn Celyn — 800 acres (3.2 km2). Llyn Alaw — 762 acres (3.08 km2). Need help on themes in Tim O'Brien's In the Lake of the Woods? Check out our thorough thematic analysis. From the creators of SparkNotes. But there are also chapters that consist of nothing but pieces of evidence; furthermore, most of the evidence consists of quotations from other people, some real, some fictional. There are also chapters that illustrate how certain events might have transpired... (read full theme analysis). War, Memory, and Trauma. All of the major characters in In the Lake of the Woods struggle to deal with traumatic events from their pasts. Presentation on theme: "CLASSIFICATION OF RIVERS AND LAKES"— Presentation transcript: 1 CLASSIFICATION OF RIVERS AND LAKES IN ESTONIA Peeter Marksoo CIS WORKSHOP ON NATIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE ECOLOGICAL STATUS OF SURFACE WATERS Paris, June 2007. General principles of surface water status assessment The assessment of the status of a water body shall be based on monitoring data. In absence of monitoring data, assessment can be based on an expert judgement, taking into account reference conditions, pressures, general impression of a water body. The assessment can be also based on modelling;