



ALL SIG meeting 25th April 2024

Decolonising the Primary Language Curriculum

Programme

- 5.30 to 5.35: Greetings, welcome and introduction (Please start recording SF)
- 5.35 to 5.45: A fast tour of German as a language
- 5.45-5.50: Introduction of Speaker
- 5.50-6.10: Rodeane Henry-Grant
- 6.10 -6.20: Discussion and questions and answers
- 6.20 -6.30: Q & A and future meetings
- 6.30: Meeting closes



What is Decolonising the curriculum?

- Decolonising the curriculum is to boldly tell learners that language is a human asset and whatever the language, it can be theirs if they choose it.
- Decolonising the curriculum is to help all learners know that their language is of value.
- Decolonising the curriculum is to unearth the hidden knowledge and the history of the language and its culture.
- Decolonising the curriculum is making connection between learners' language and the target language.
- Decolonising the curriculum is to include language awareness in our lessons.
- Decolonising the curriculum is to integrate the target language culture within the lesson.

Facts

- German is the second-most widely spoken Germanic and West Germanic language after English as both a [first](#) or [second language](#).
- Today, German is one of the [major languages of the world](#).
- It is the most spoken native language within the [European Union](#).
- German is also widely taught as a [foreign language](#), especially in continental [Europe](#), where it is the third most taught foreign language (after English and French), and the United States.
- The language has been influential in the fields of philosophy, theology, science, and technology.

Facts

- It is the second-most commonly used scientific language and among the [most widely used languages on websites](#).
- The [German-speaking countries](#) are ranked fifth in terms of annual publication of new books, with one-tenth of all books (including e-books) in the world being published in German.



Geographical Distribution

- Approximate distribution of native German speakers (assuming a rounded total of 95 million) worldwide:
 - Germany (78.3%)
 - Austria (8.4%)
 - Switzerland (5.6%)
 - Brazil (3.2%)
 - Italy (South Tyrol) (0.4%)
 - Other (4.1%)



History

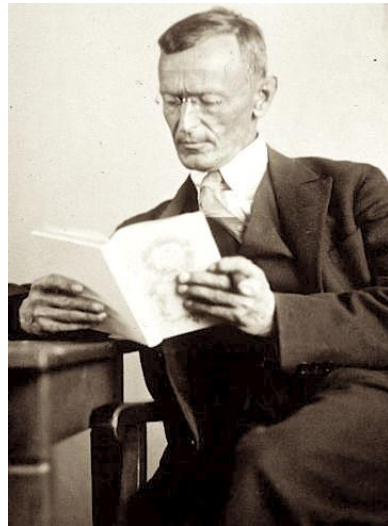
- German is a [pluricentric language](#); the three standardized variants are [German](#), [Austrian](#), and [Swiss Standard German](#).
- [Standard German](#) is sometimes referred as *High German* while referring to its regional origin of the [High German languages](#).
- [Broad spectrum of dialects](#), in Europe and other parts of the world.
- Some of these dialects are protected and recognised.

Famous people in the German-speaking world. Who are they?

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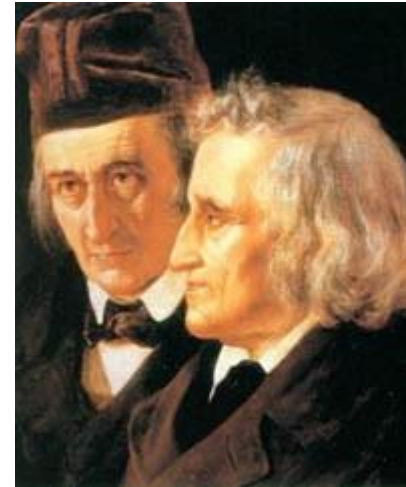
Greatest and
most influential
writer...



Siddartha...

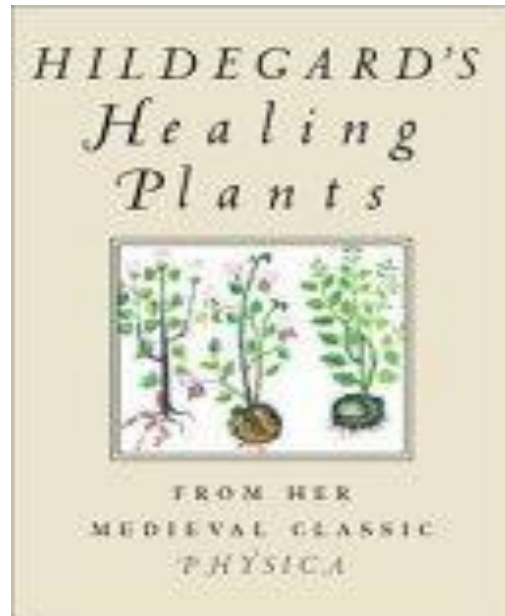


Buddenbrooks...
Nobel Prize (1929)



Snow white...

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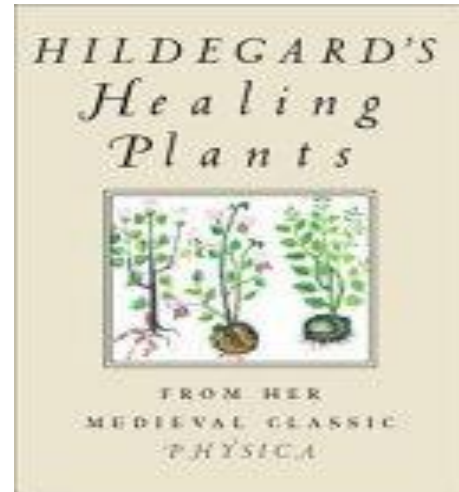
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**Bertha Benz
(1849-1944)**



Anne Frank (1929-1945)



**Hildegard von Bingen
(1098 to 1179)**

**Sophie Scholl
(1921-1943)**



Zazie Olivia Beetz



- was born in [Berlin](#) in 1991
- German father
- Afro-American mother
- Actress
- Grew up bilingually (German, English)
- French graduate

Rodeane Henry-Grant

Future Meetings

In 2024-2025:

we asked two special people to join us and to share their practice:

Ellie Chettle-Cully

<https://myprimarylanguagesclassroom.com/>

@ECCMFL



Maud Waret

<https://www.teachit.co.uk/cpd/teaching-and-learning/decolonising-education>

@profprofMFL

Also...

[Suzi Bewell](#)

<https://pollyglotlanguages.wordpress.com/author/suzibewell/>

&

<https://francosphere.wordpress.com/>

What about you???



Join us to share the differences you are making!

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