(Three of) the eight key competences and why they matter

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1. Communication in the mother tongue
2. Communication in foreign languages
3. Mathematical competence and basic competences in science and technology
4. Digital competence
5. Learning to learn
6. Social and civic competences
7. Sense of initiative and entrepreneurship
8. Cultural awareness and expression
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Mother Tongue #3
Acrylic on canvas
36 x 20 inches
Advanced Level Examinations in Modern Foreign Language (Wales)

1467 pupils in 2005
668 pupils in 2013

(Population of Wales is 3m, with 200,000 in 15-19 age group)
Probably the most spectacular gorge in the world is the Grand Canyon. It runs for well over 200 miles and is a mile deep in places. The sunsets blaze across the walls, turning the layers of rock orange and red. Evolutionists look at that vast canyon and at those beautiful layers of rock and say that the earth is millions of years old, that no young earth could have such a deep gorge in it.

Creationists look into the canyon and see the power of God and find evidence of the great Flood. When the Flood waters went down, they swept across whole continents with unimaginable force. The material underneath was still soft and unsettled. Under such conditions, much erosion could happen quickly. A young earth in a mighty flood would indeed have such a gorge. When the river no longer carried the huge amounts of water and the sediment hardened, erosion slowed down. The layers in the canyon walls narrow at the bottom, showing such a change in rate.