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Scotland Facts

Scotland is a country in northwestern Europe. It is part of the island of **Great Br**
Scotland, or Alba (in Scot
of 5.4 million people.

Scotland shares a borde
surrounded by the Atlan
east, and the Irish Sea a
west. In addition to the r
more than 790 islands!

The capital city of Scotlc
city is Glasgow. Two othe
and Aberdeen. The officic
and Gaelic. Only 1.1% of the

The **Pound Sterling** (also
currency in Scotland. Pec
side of the road. The flag
a diagonal white cross. It
The Royal Banner of Sco
with a red lion with blue c
surrounded by a red bor

The people in Scotland ar
church is called the Churc
has been a Protestant c
Reformation in 1560.

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Scotland Fact

Fill in the graphic organizer with facts yo
Scotland.

Official Name: _____

Type of Government: _____

Population: _____

Capital: _____

Official Language: _____

Currency: _____

Major Religion: _____

National Symbols: _____

_____

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Scotland's History

Historians believe that hun
around 12,800 years ago. H
about 9,500 years ago. Ro
around 71 CE after conque
and Wales. The Caledonians
in Scotland during this time
Roman invaders and almos
in 83-84 CE, the Romans de
Roman occupation of Scot

Scotland gets its name fro
tribe that crossed into Sc
Scots and the Picts were
century, and their territor
Alba, or Scotland.

In 1286, King Alexander III
three-year-old granddaug
she died, which created 13 r
war, a group called the Gu
I of England to come to
Scotland to help avoid war
Edward I, however, deman
to be recognized as the ru
of Scotland, or her would
bring his armies to destro
Scotland. Although they
agreed to recognize Edwar

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Scotland's History

Write about the different periods of Scottish history.

FIRST,	NEXT,
THEN,	TODAY,

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Scotland's Ge

The geography of Scotland ca
Highlands in the north, and the
Uplands.

The **Highlands** cover 50% of Sc
extremely tall peaks. They are
The highest point in Scotland is
Mountains. It is 4,409 feet tall
Scottish islands, only 130 of wh
major groups of Scottish islar
Outer Hebrides.

The **Central Lowlands** run fro
90 miles. Scotland's chief farn
cities (such as Edinburgh and G
Lowlands.

The **Southern Uplands** is a hilly
are usually less than 2,000 fee
are located on the border wit
England is about 110 miles long.

Scotland is surrounded by the
east, and the Irish Sea and No
over 6,000 miles of coastline!

Four of Scotland's major river
and River Tweed. In Scotland, t
Two major lochs in Scotland ar

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Scotland's Geogr

Fill in the graphic organizer with facts yo
Scotland's geography.

FACT #1

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FACT #3

FACT #4

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Scotland's Gover

Scotland's government is c
means that the Scottish P
English monarch. For centu
Scotland were controlled b
new Scottish Parliament w
would have more control o

The Scottish Parliament h
healthcare, education, just
transportation, and rural a
England makes the laws ab
under those categories.

The Scottish Parliament is
representatives. These rep
create the laws for Scotla

The leader of the Parliame
First Minister. The First Mir
chosen by the members o
Parliament and is approve
appointed by the monarch
or she is assisted by cabin
secretaries with different
roles, such as finance,
environment, economy, and
justice.

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Scotland's Government

Describe each term about Scotland's government in the boxes below.

CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

FIRST MINISTER

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Scotland's Council Areas

Historically, Scotland has
areas, or "shires." Draw

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Scotland's Council

Answer Key

You can find this information
http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/

Aberdeen City	Hig
Aberdeenshire	Inve
Angus	Midl
Argyll & Bute	Mo
Clackmannanshire	North
Dumfries & Galloway	North L
Dundee City	Orkney
East Ayrshire	Perth
East Dunbartonshire	Renfr
East Lothian	Scottis
East Renfrewshire	Shetlar
Edinburg	South
Eilean Siar	South L
Falkirk	Stirling
Fife	West Dunbartonshire
Glasgow City	West Lothian

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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

The United Kingdom also co
territories.

The United Kingdom forme
Scotland signed the Treaty
joined the United Kingdom i
the United Kingdom and Fo
part of Ireland that remo

The total area of the Unit
miles. It occupies most of
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 o
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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Scottish Flag

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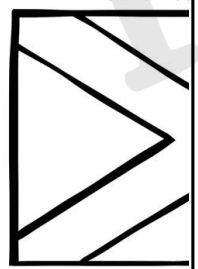

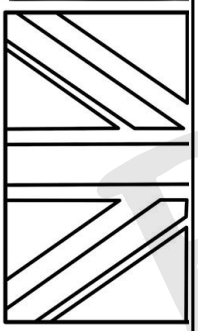

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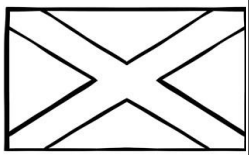
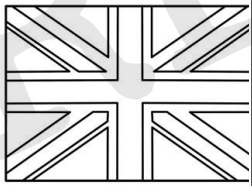


The flag of Scotland has a blue backgroun
The flag represents the cross of St. Andr
saint of Scotland) on a blue sky. The fla
Andrew's Cross or the Saltir

Union Jac



The Union Jack is the official flag of the Ur
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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Plants in Scotland

Scottish Thistle

The Scottish Thistle is the na
of the national symbols of Sc
has been the national symbol
the reign of Alexander III fro
was used on silver coins issue
in 1470.

Legend says that a Norse arm
to sneak up on the Scottish c
was barefoot and stepped on
in pain, alerting the Scots of t
Historians believe this occurre
then, the thistle has been an i

Bog Myrtle

Bog Myrtle is a small shrub fo
known for being found throug
abundant in the Highlands bec
leaves of bog myrtle are gre
year. Bog myrtle is commonly
often a traditional componer

Scottish Bluebell

The Scottish Bluebell grows th
Harebell or Bellflower. These f
underground as bulbs. They er
areas, millions of bluebell bulb
bloom in the spring, they form

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Plants in Scotland

Write one interesting fact about the plants in Scotland you read about.

Scottish Thistle

Bog Myrtle

Scottish Bluebell

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Animals in Scotland

Compare and contrast Highland Cattle with the Shetland Pony.

Shetland Pony

Highland

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Bagpipes

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What goes in the ba

2. What are drones o

3. When did bagpipes o

4. Where is the Great

Highland Ca

Highland Cattle are a breed of Scottish cattle. They are known for their distinctive look. They have long horns and a long coat. Their coats are colored bridle, black, red, yellow, silver, or white. They originated in the Scottish Highlands and Western Isles. Male Highland Cattle can weigh up to 1,800 pounds! A group of highland cattle "fold." This is because in winter, the catt in open stone shelters called folds to pr from the cold.

Shetland Po

The Shetland Pony is a breed of pony th in the Shetland Isles. The Shetland Isles northeast of mainland Scot Ponies have short legs, l and are ver They were f pulling carts farmland, a coal, peat, and other items. Today, Shetland Ponies are used for horse shows, races, horseback riding, and as guide horses.

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Bagpipes

The bagpipes (or, "pipes") are a musical instrument played in Scotland. They have a bag that the player fills with air by blowing into it with a tube or pumping it. To make music, the player presses the bag, and air comes out of a type of flute called a "chanter." Bagpipes usually have multiple tubes (called "drones") coming out of the bag that makes sound when the bag is squeezed. Each drone plays a different note.

The bagpipe is the national instrument of Scotland, and it first arrived in Scotland around 1400 CE. It is well known for being played in the Scottish Highlands. The Great Highland Bagpipe is a type of bagpipe that is native to Scotland. It is used in the British military and in pipe bands around the world. The Scottish Gaelic word *piobaireachd* means "pipe music."

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Traditional Scottish Dress

Answer the following que Dress in c

1. What is a tartan?

2. What is a kilt?

3. What are usually w

4. Where did tartans

Tradition Scottish Dr

Traditional Scottish dress is an important par culture. Tartans and kilts are two pieces of t Scottish dress.

A tartan is a type of fabric that is made of horizontal stripes in different colors on a colored background. The stripes are interwoven, which is called a sett. Tartans originated in the Highlands of Scotland. The first mention of the tartan in Scotland was in 1538. Before modern times, the Scottish clanspeople used local plants, mosses, and berries to dye the wool.

A kilt is a piece of tartan that is worn around the waist. A proper kilt is also worn with: a **kilt pin**, which holds the two pieces together at the front. A **sporran**, which is a small bag worn around the waist, over the kilt. Sporran is the Gaelic word for purse. A **Sgian dubh**, which is a small dagger placed in the sock.

Like the tartan, kilts originated in the Highlands of Scotland. In Gaelic, it is called the féileadh mor, which means the "big kilt." The traditional kilt was worn around the waist, and the remaining fabric was draped and pinned over the shoulder.

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The Loch Ness Monster

The Loch Ness Monster (o that inhabits Loch Ness in people claim they have see think she is a mythical mo who believe in her think th creature with a long neck creature.

The first supposed sightin occurred in 565 CE. Howeve along Loch Ness in the 193 common. In 1934, a photog photograph of Nessie, whi neck and large hump in the discovered that the photo reports from people pass have not been able to prov exists.

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The Loch Ness Monster

Answer the following questions about the Loch Ness Monster in complete sentences.

1. Where does the Loch Ness Monster live?

2. When was the first supposed sighting of Nessie?

3. Do you believe Nessie is real? Why or why not?

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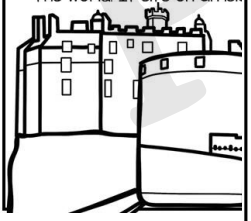
Scottish Castles

There are over 3,000 castles in Scotland! Scotland is home to some of the oldest castles in the world. The oldest Scottish castles were built in the 11th c invaded Scotland.

Castles were built as a fortr Many Scottish castles were have their own castle in their his family would live. Sometim between warring clans over t power.

Some famous castles are:

- Edinburgh Castle – the mo on top of an extinct volca
- Braemar Castle – built in t National Park. It includes turrets.
- Balmoral Castle – a home described it as her "dear p
- Cawdor Castle – the fictio Shakespeare's play *Macbe*
- Eilean Donan Castle – one the world. It sits on an isl



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Scottish Cast

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

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Scottish Slang

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

Scottish Slang

- Aye right - yeah right.
- Pure dead brilliant - really good.
- Whit's fur ye'll no go past ye - what's meant to be will happen.
- Awa' an bile yer heid - get lost.
- Haud yer wheesht - be quiet.
- Hou's it gaun - how are you doing?
- I'm goin tae the pictures - I'm going to the movies.
- Ah dinnae ken - I don't know.
- No ah umnae - no I'm not.
- Noo jist haud on - hold on, slow down.
- It wis hoachin' - it was busy.
- Wur tearin' the tartan - we're having an interesting conversation.
- Shan - unfair.
- Radge - describes someone who is rambunctious.
- Braw - great, brilliant, fantastic.
- Tidy - beautiful, stunning, fantastic, lovely, pretty.
- Scran - food.
- Peely-wally - someone is pale and probably doesn't feel well.
- Chore - to steal.
- Chum - friend or close acquaintance.
- Blethering - talking, chatting, gossiping.
- Fizzy juice - soda.
- Skedaddle Aff - go away, leave me along.
- Pure barry - describes something that is fantastic or wonderful.

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Scotland Vocabulary

1. Scotland: _____
2. United Kingdom: _____
3. Tartan: _____
4. Kilt: _____
5. Bagpipe: _____
6. Scottish Thistle: _____

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Scotland Vocabu

7. Bog Myrtle: _____
8. Scottish Bluebell: _____
9. Highland Cattle: _____
10. Shetland Pony: _____
11. Edinburgh: _____
12. Glasgow: _____

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Scotland Vocabulary

	Definition	Draw a picture
	Used in a sentence	
	Definition	
	Used in a sentence	

Scotland Vocabulary Answer Key

- Scotland - a country that occupies one-third of the island of Great Britain and is part of the United Kingdom.
- United Kingdom - made up of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
- Tartan – a type of fabric that is made of vertical and horizontal stripes in different colors on a colored background.
- Kilt – a piece of tartan that is worn around the waist.
- Bagpipe – a musical instrument played in Scotland. It has a bag that the player fills with air by blowing into it with a tube or pumping it.
- Scottish Thistle – national flower and one of the national symbols of Scotland.
- Bog Myrtle - a small shrub found in many places in Europe, but it is known for being found throughout much of Scotland.
- Scottish Bluebell - a flower that grows throughout Scotland. It is also known as Harebell or BellFlower.
- Highland Cattle – a breed of Scottish cattle that are known for their distinctive look.
- Shetland Pony – a breed of pony that originated in the Shetland Isles.
- Edinburgh - the capital city of Scotland.
- Glasgow - the largest city in Scotland.
- Dundee - Scotland's fourth largest city that is located on the eastern coast of Scotland.
- Aberdeen - Scotland's third largest city; it is a port city located in northeast Scotland.
- Pound Sterling - the currency used in Scotland.
- Highlands - area of Scotland that are mountainous with extremely tall peaks.
- Central Lowlands - area of Scotland that is the country's chief farming district and home to it's largest cities.
- Southern Uplands - area of Scotland that is hilly with wide, green valleys.

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Word Search

H G L A S G O W Y H Y E W Z B
H I L G H V A
C I G U E E N
R R P H T A E
S D N A L W C
P E V T A A D
A O O C N M N
U C N U D C T
S M E Y P S J
E N G L I L E
E D A H T T A
D S T Z A T E
N O H N K E A
U H J R N A C
D G U N Z L S

ABERDEEN
BOG
EDINBURGH
KILT
MYRTLE
SCOTLAND
THISTLE

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All About Scotland

Write about what it is like in Scotland. Draw a picture of what you hav

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Write about what it is like in Scot

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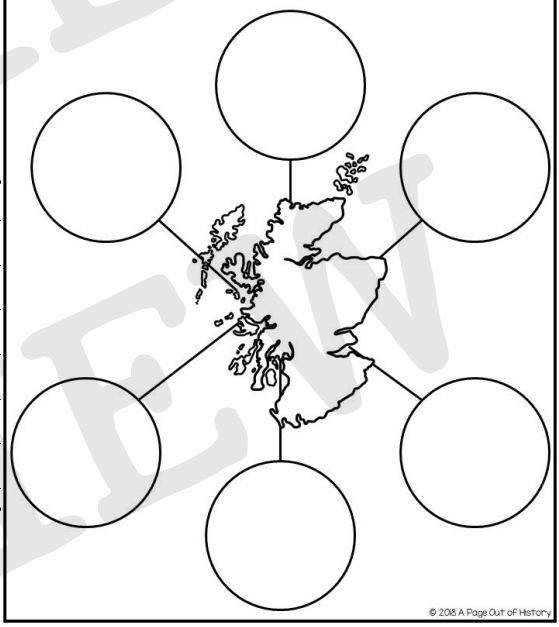
Graphic Organizer

Fill in the graphic organizer with facts about Scotland.



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Graphic Organizer

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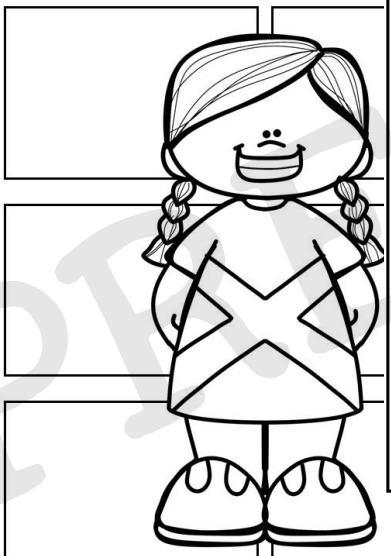

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Research Word Search

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

Word Bank

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Research Project

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

My Scottish 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

Scotland

Where I live

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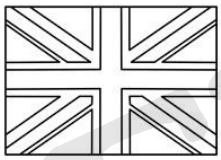
Compare & Contrast



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