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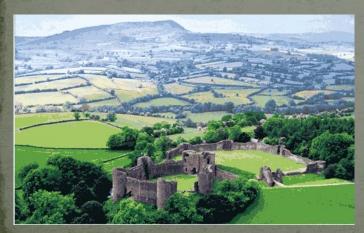
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England



Wales



Scotland



Northern Ireland



Scotland



Scotland takes up one third of the territory of the British Isles. It was joined into the UK in 1707. It is the most northern part of the isles, it is not far from the Arctic Circle. It is washed by the North Sea on the east, the Irish Sea on the south-west.

Climate

 The climate is very changeable. The winters are mild, the summers are cool and wet because of the Gulf Stream. The temperatures are lower than in the rest of the UK.

The Symbols of Scotland

 The national symbols of Scotland are the flag called the St Andrew's Cross, the thistle and the bagpipes.



Kilt

The kilt is a relic of the time when the clan system existed in the Highlands.
The clan had its own territory and tartan.
Everybody in the clan had the same family name.





Population

The population of Scotland is about 5 million people .

Scotland has three officially recognized languages: English, Scots and Scottish Gaelic.

Nowadays there`re 60,000 Gaelic speakers in Scotland



Education

The Scottish education system has always remained distinct from the rest of the UK. In Scotland education is compulsory for all children aged 3 to 18 years old. • There are fifteen universities in the country. Scotland is the most highly educated country in Europe and among the most well-educated in the world.



mountains and valleys, forests and fields.



Scotland is divided into three regions: the Highlands and the islands, the Lowlands and the Southern Uplands.

The Highlands



The Highlands are very old mountains.

The highest one is Ben Nevis.

Its height is 1344m.

Lakes in Scotland

 There are a lot of beautiful lakes between the green hills, which are called lochs.

 The best known is Loch Ness. Some people think that a big monster Nessie lives there.



Loch Lomond



Loch Lomond is a marvellous lake in the west of Scotland. It`s famous for its fantastic wildlife and woods.



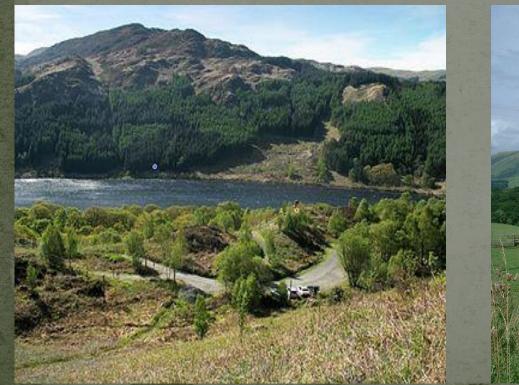


The Lowlands

It is a historic and cultural region of Scotland.
It`s a highly developed industrial area.
Most of population is concentrated there.



The Southern Uplands
It is a range of hills almost 200 kilometres long.
There`re also a lot of rivers and lochs there.
It is a rural and mainly agricultural region.





Edinburgh

It has been the capital of Scotland since the 15th century.

Edinburgh is known as the Athens of the North



when the first settlers came to live there. Edinburgh is divided into two parts - the Old Town and the New Town.

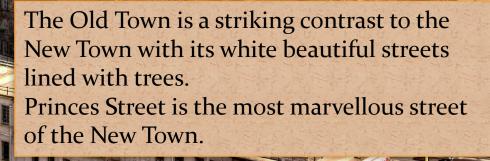


Cannongate

- The Cannongate is the most picturesque part of the old town.
- You can see little yards and attractive historical buildings.
 - One of the best-known monuments in the capital is a monument to a dog called Bobby. When Bobby's master died the dog lived near his grave for 26 years. Then Bobby was buried there.







Princes Street is connected with the name of Sir Walter Scott. A monument 200 feet high rises among green trees. It's the Scott monument. Inside there's a statue of the writer and of his favourite dog.

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Castles in Scotland

Scotland is famous for its castles. They stretch like an iron chain across the country.





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- It is Scotland's biggest city. Its population is 630000 people.
 - Glasgow is the heart of industry. It's a centre of trade and business.
- It`s also an important port.



Aberdeen

It is the most important city in the Highlands. It is the oil centre of Scotland.



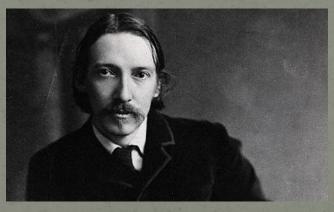






George Gordon Byron

Arthur Conan Doyle



Robert Louis Stevenson



Quiz

How many parts are there in the UK? What is the most northern part of the UK? The temperatures in Scotland are lower than in the rest of the UK, aren't they? When was Scotland joined into the UK? • What are the symbols of Scotland? What is the population of Scotland? How many parts does Scotland consist of? What is the capital of Scotland ? What are the main attractions in Edinburgh? What is the biggest city? What is Scotland famous for?

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