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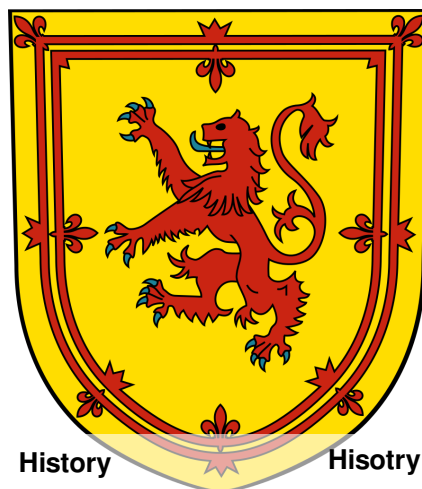
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The history of Scotland is fascinating and complex; there are Roman soldiers, Vikings, noble clansmen, powerful ruling monarchs and even enlightened philosophers.

Explore thousands of years of people and events with our timeline that highlights some of the most significant moments in Scotland's fascinating history.

Scotland has experienced extraordinary growth and change during the course of its lifetime - it's a place that has been invaded and settled many times and that has made mighty contributions to culture and society.



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Situated within vibrant Europe, Scotland is a progressive nation built on innovation, creativity and the fabulous warmth of its people. Here you will find a range of Scottish facts, from information on its diverse and dramatic

landscape and natural resources to facts about Scotland's population, economy and industry.

Languages and Geography



Main languages English(99%)

Minority languages Scots (30%)

Scottish Gaelic (1%)

Main immigrant languages Cantonese, Polish, Mandarin, Italian, Punjabi, Urdu

Main foreign languages French, Italian, Spanish, German

The rough and tumble landscape of Scotland was once covered by glaciers during the Pleistocene Ice Age. When those masses of ice retreated (or melted) they left in their wake a rocky, pockmarked landscape of mountains and rolling hills, dozens of deep lakes, cold water rivers and streams.

The Northern Highlands are generally mountainous with many lofty peaks. This isolated area is widely considered one of the most scenic spots in Europe.

The granite Grampian Mountains extend southwest to northeast, and include Scotland's (and the UK's) highest point, Ben Nevis, at 1,344 meters (4,409 ft).

Scotland has nearly 800 islands. The major groups include the Inner and Outer Hebrides, Orkney and Shetland; most are hilly and rugged.

The Central Lowlands, a valley of sorts, formed by ancient volcanic eruptions, is a relatively flat area punctuated by hills.

The Southern Uplands is a hilly area with wide, green valleys, fronted in the south by the Cheviot Hills on the border with England.

There are numerous bodies of inland freshwater including Loch Lomond and Loch Ness. The Tweed and Clyde are the largest rivers

Fun Facts

- The population of Scotland is around 5.4 million
- The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh
- Scotland's largest city is Glasgow
- The area of Scotland is 78,772 km² (30,414 sq mi)
- Scotland's official languages are English, Gaelic, Scots
- The currency of Scotland is the pound sterling (GBP)
- Scotland's government is a constitutional monarchy
- The Queen (of the UK) is Queen Elizabeth II
- The Prime Minister (of the UK) is Theresa May MP
- The First Minister of Scotland is Nicola Sturgeon MSP
- Scotland's population density is 64/km² (167.5/sq mi)
- GVA per head in Scotland is £23,685 (2015)



Scotland Word Search

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