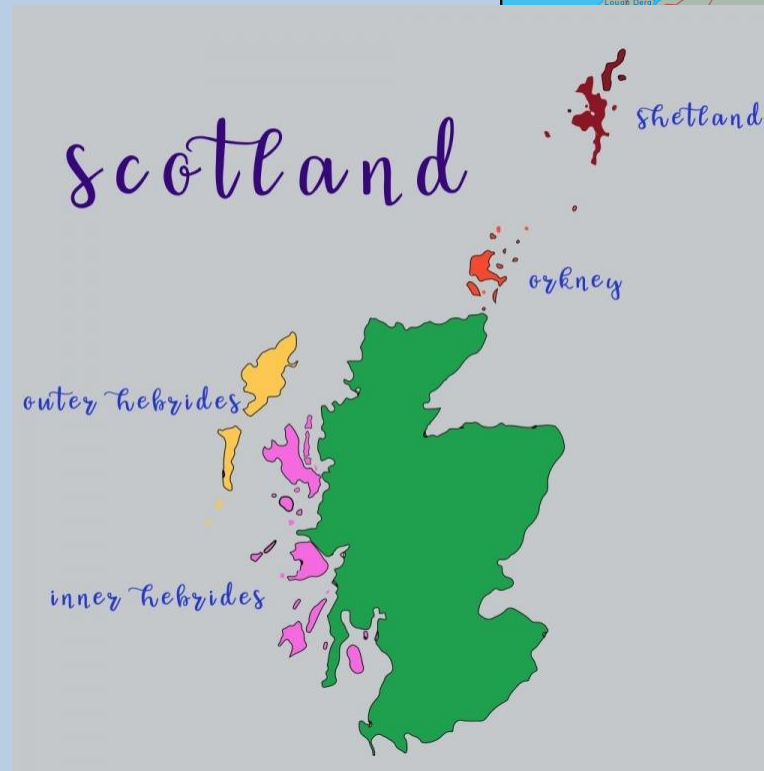


The image shows the national flag of Scotland, known as the Saltire. It consists of a white saltire (X-shape) on a blue field. The flag is centered in the image. The word "Scotland" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered over the white saltire.

Scotland

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- Became part of Britain in 1603 .
- The blue on the Union Jack is from the Scottish Flag (The Saltire)
- Capital is Edinburgh
- Includes over 700 islands
- The main language is English with Gaelic only spoken on islands and in rural areas.
- Has its own Parliament
- Has its own money



The national costume of Scotland is the kilt worn by both men and women. The kilt is made from tartan. Each clan (family) has their own tartan.

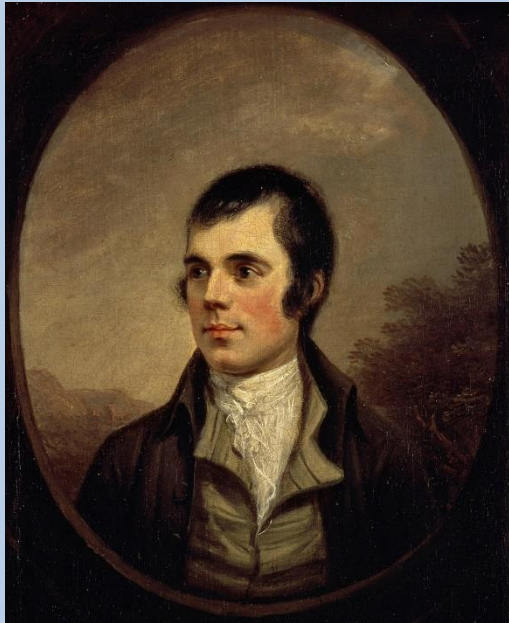
This is my Dad and brother in our clan tartan - the Scott Tartan. They are both wearing *a sporran* (pouch) over the kilt and a knife called *a sgian dubh* (*skene doo*) in their socks. These are only worn by men.



The Scottish celebrate Hogmanay on New Years Eve.



First foot – traditionally people would visit friends and family after midnight and bring gifts as the first foot over the doorstep for the new year. The gifts were a lump of coal for warmth, a dram of whisky to drink and oatcakes or shortbread to eat.



Auld Lang Syne

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot
And the days of auld lang syne?
For auld lang syne, my dear
For auld lang syne
We'll drink a cup of kindness yet
For the sake of auld lang syne*

Robert Burns

- **Auld Lang Syne (For Old Times Sake) is sung at midnight as the new year begins.**
- **It is credited to Robert Burns the national poet of Scotland, but he was actually just the first to write the words down from a folk song.**
- **On his birthday 25th January the Scottish celebrate Burn's Night with traditional food, music and dancing.**
- **Haggis, Neeps and Tatties – Haggis is spiced mince pudding , neeps are mashed swede and tatties are mashed potatoes.**
- **There are special poems by Burn's read throughout the evening, such as Address the Haggis.**
- **Interesting fact my 5x great grandfather organised the first ever Burn's Night**



There are many lochs in Scotland

This is me at Loch Lomond which is the largest loch, but Loch Ness holds the most water. It is also the most famous because of the Loch Ness Monster – Nessie.

No I have never seen it!