

A scenic view of a village with brick houses and a river. The houses are built on a hillside, with a river in the foreground. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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The UK consists of four parts



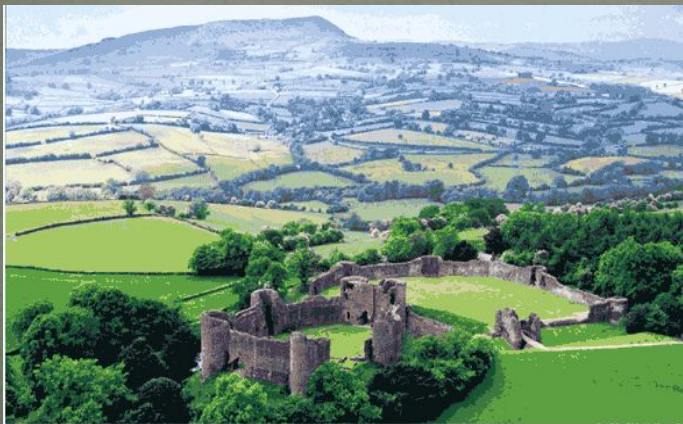
England



Scotland



Wales



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 .



Scotland is a land of rivers and lakes,
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



Edinburgh is an ancient city. No one can say exactly when the first settlers came to live there. Edinburgh is divided into two parts - the Old Town and the New Town.



Cannongate

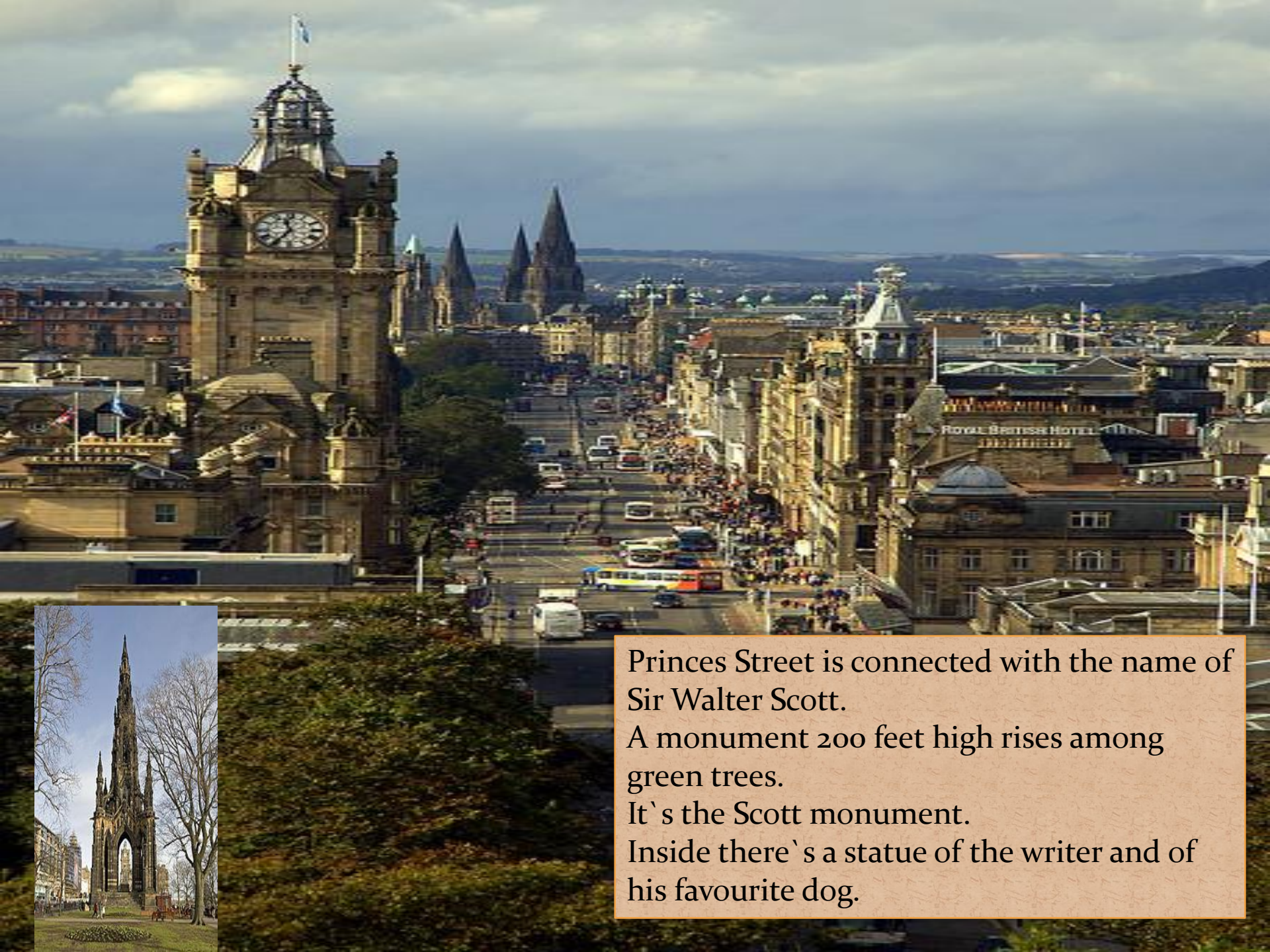
- The Cannongate is the most picturesque part of the old town.
- You can see little yards and attractive historical buildings.
- One of the best-known monuments in the capital is a monument to a dog called Bobby. When Bobby's master died the dog lived near his grave for 26 years. Then Bobby was buried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







The Old Town is a striking contrast to the New Town with its white beautiful streets lined with trees. Princes Street is the most marvellous street of the New Town.



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.

Castles in Scotland

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





Glasgow

- 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.



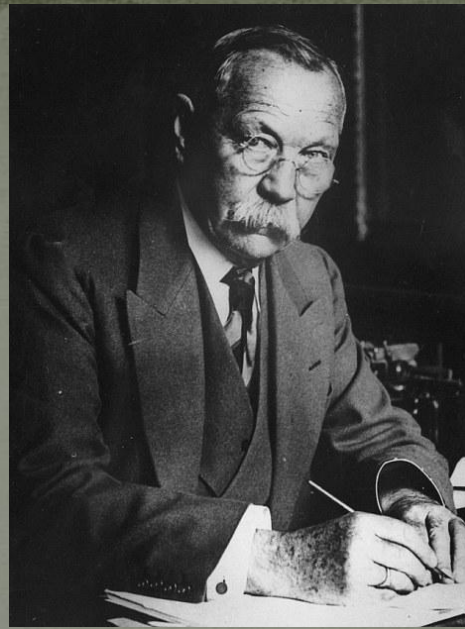
Aberdeen

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

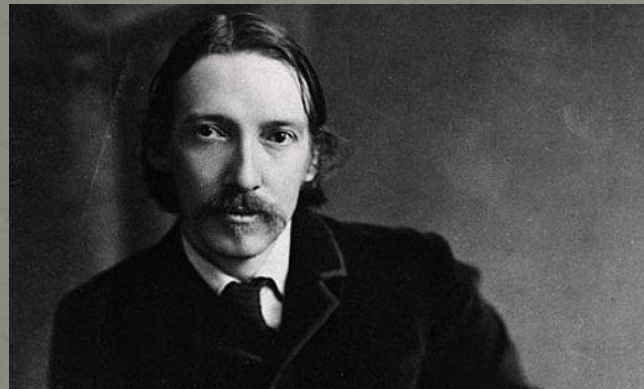




George Gordon Byron



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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