

Scotland

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The population of Scotland is 5,295,000.



The capital of Scotland is Edinburgh. Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness, Stirling, Perth are the other main cities in Scotland.

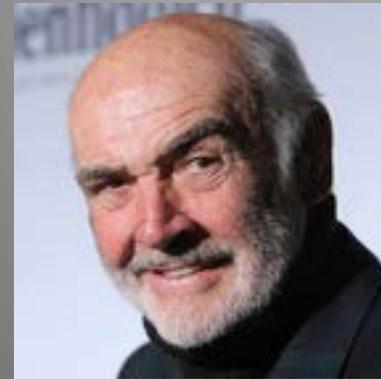
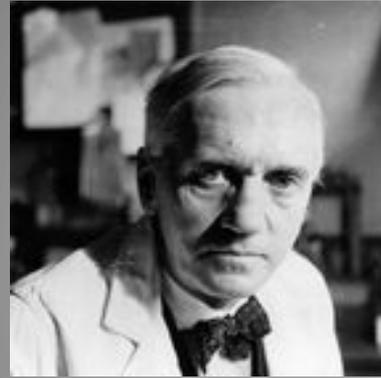
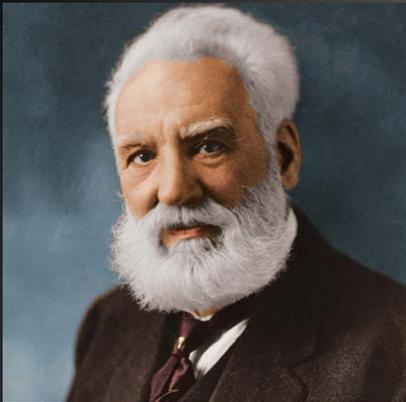




The most popular food in Scotland is Haggis.



The main sports in Scotland are rugby, shinty, football, golf, tennis and the highland games.



There are lots of Famous Scottish People. **Alexander Graham Bell** invented the telephone. **Alexander Fleming** is best known for discovering penicillin. **William Wallace**, a Scottish knight, secured Scottish freedom from the English. Scottish actor **Sean Connery** played 007 in the first *James Bond* movies.





The History of Scotland: Scotland begins in the 1st century AD when the Romans invaded Britain. In the 5th century the north west of Scotland was settled by Gaels from Northern Ireland. William Wallace was one of the main battle leaders in beating the English army in 1297. In 1603 Scotland, England and Wales were united as Great Britain.



Major industries in Scotland include banking and financial services, education, entertainment, biotechnology, transport equipment, oil and gas, whisky, and tourism. Other important industries include textile production (woollens, silks, and linens), distilling, brewing and fishing.



English is the main language spoken in Scotland. There are two other lesser known languages spoken. Gaelic was spoken by the majority of Scots a thousand years ago but is only spoken by about 1.5% of the people now. Scots is another language that was spoken. Up until 1980 children could get punished for speaking scots in school.



The Scottish people are a nation native to Scotland. They are an amalgamation of the Picts and Gaels. There are people from Scotland in many other countries as well. Large populations of Scottish people have settled in North and South America, Australia, New Zealand and there is a lot of them in Canada. They took with them their languages and cultures.