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***SCOTLAND***

Scotland is located on the North of Great Britain.

**BORDERS**

*South*: England, *East*: North Sea, *Northwest*: Atlantic Ocean,

*Southwest*: North Channel & Irish Sea

**CAPITAL CITY**:

***Edinburgh*** (it is the second largest city, one of the biggest commercial centers of Europe). It is situated Southeast of Scotland and its population is around 495,360 people.



Edinburgh is also a well-known for its University as well as its annual festival.

Old and New town of Edinburgh: A UNESCO World Heritage site.

**OTHER IMPORTANT CITIES:**

***Glasgow***: Scotland's largest city.



***Inverness:*** The capital of the Highlands of Scotland.



**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**: English

**Other official languages**: Scottish, Gaelic, Scots

**POPULATION**: 5,254,800

**CURRENCY:** Pound sterling

**EARLY HISTORY**: First houses appeared 9500 years ago.

First villages about 6000 years ago.

**IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DATE**:

On May 1st 1707, Scotland became part of the United Kingdom.

**LEGAL SYSTEM, EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS**

Scotland's legal, educational and religious systems are

different from those in England, Wales and Northern Ireland,

that's why it keeps its Scottish culture and national identity

alive.

THE FLAG (16th century)

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Scotland's flag is known as the Cross of Saint Andrew ( or Saltire).

NATIONAL FLOWER:

It's national flower is the Thistle. 

DISTILLERIES:



It's national drink is WHISKY. There over 100 distilleries in Scotland.

**SPORTS:**



Golf, rugby, tennis and hockey.

(By the pupils of the 5th grade of the Model Experimental Primary school of Patras)