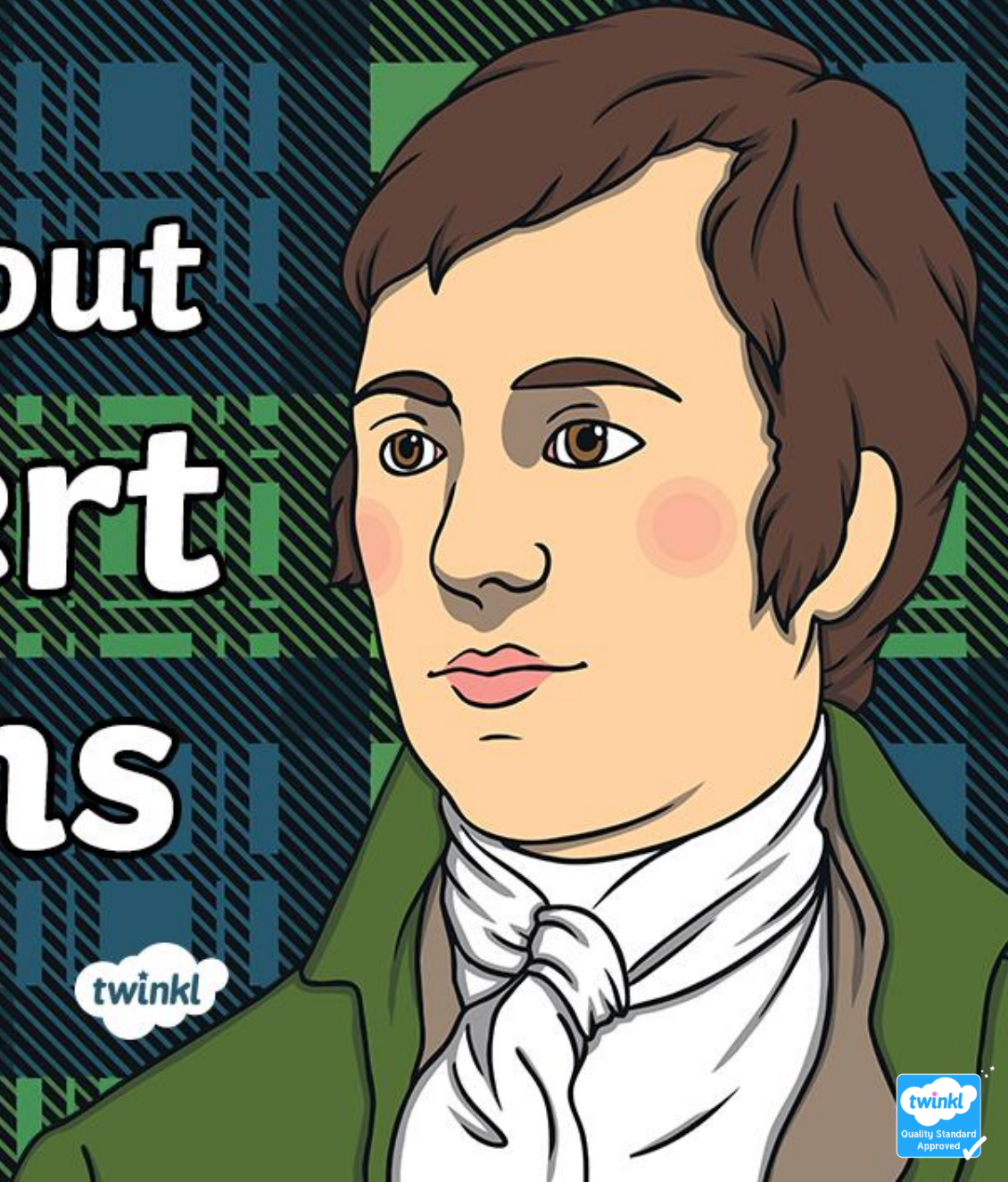


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My name is Robert Burns. I am a Scottish poet.  
I lived in Ayrshire, Scotland, over 250 years ago.  
Most of my poems were written in Scots and standard English.  
My most famous poem, 'Auld Lang Syne',  
is sung all over the world.

Have you heard the song  
'Auld Lang Syne'?





# Did You Know...?



Auld Lang Syne is in the Guinness Book of World Records. It is one of the three most popular songs sang in the English language.

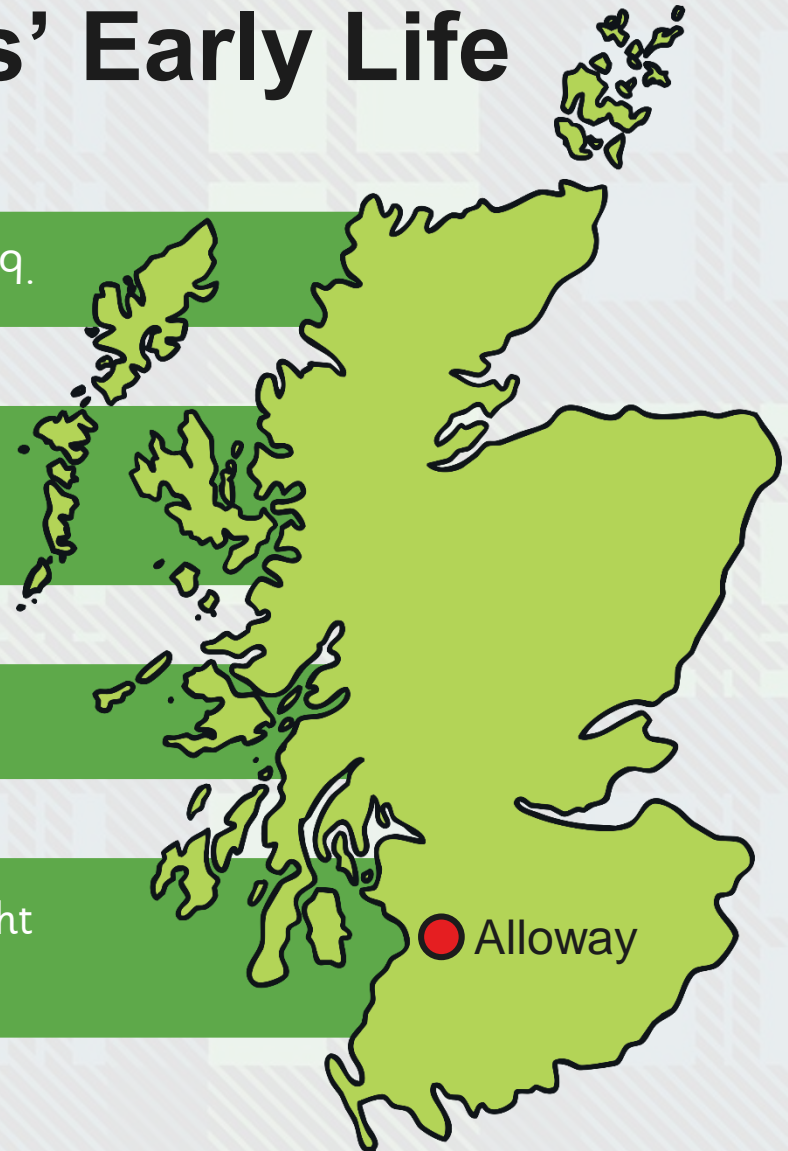
# Robert Burns' Early Life

I was born in Alloway, Ayrshire, in 1759.

My parents were called William and Agnes.

I was the eldest of seven children.

My family were poor, but my father taught us how to read and write.

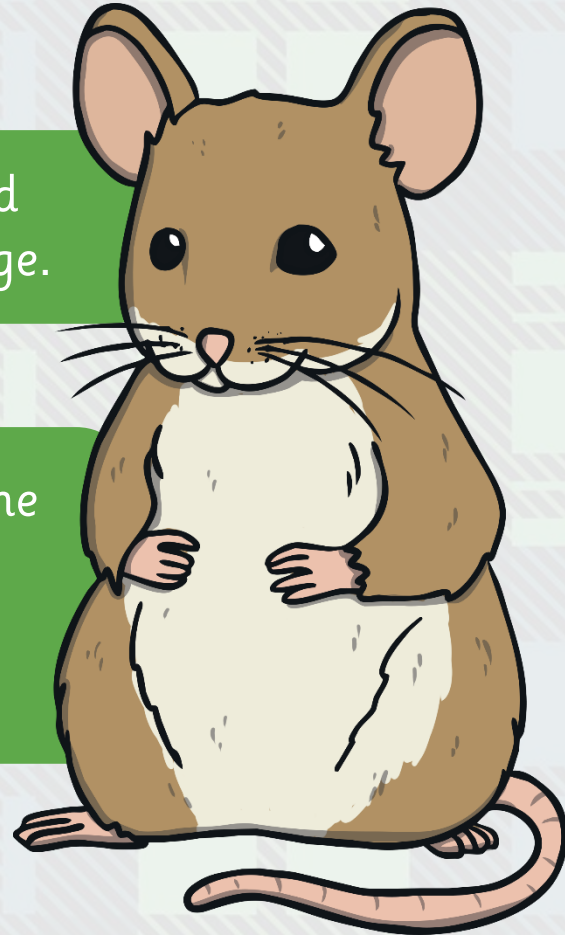




# Robert Burns' Early Life

My father was a tenant farmer and I had to help him on the farm from a young age.

This inspired me to write poems about the different things I saw.  
During this time, I wrote my famous poems about a mouse and a woodlouse!



# To a Mouse

In 1785, I wrote 'To a Mouse' after I turned over a tiny field mouse's nest with my plough.

Can you guess what the first two lines of the poem mean?

Who is the beastie?

Wee, sleekit, cowrin,  
tim'rous beastie,

O, what a panic's in  
thy breastie!

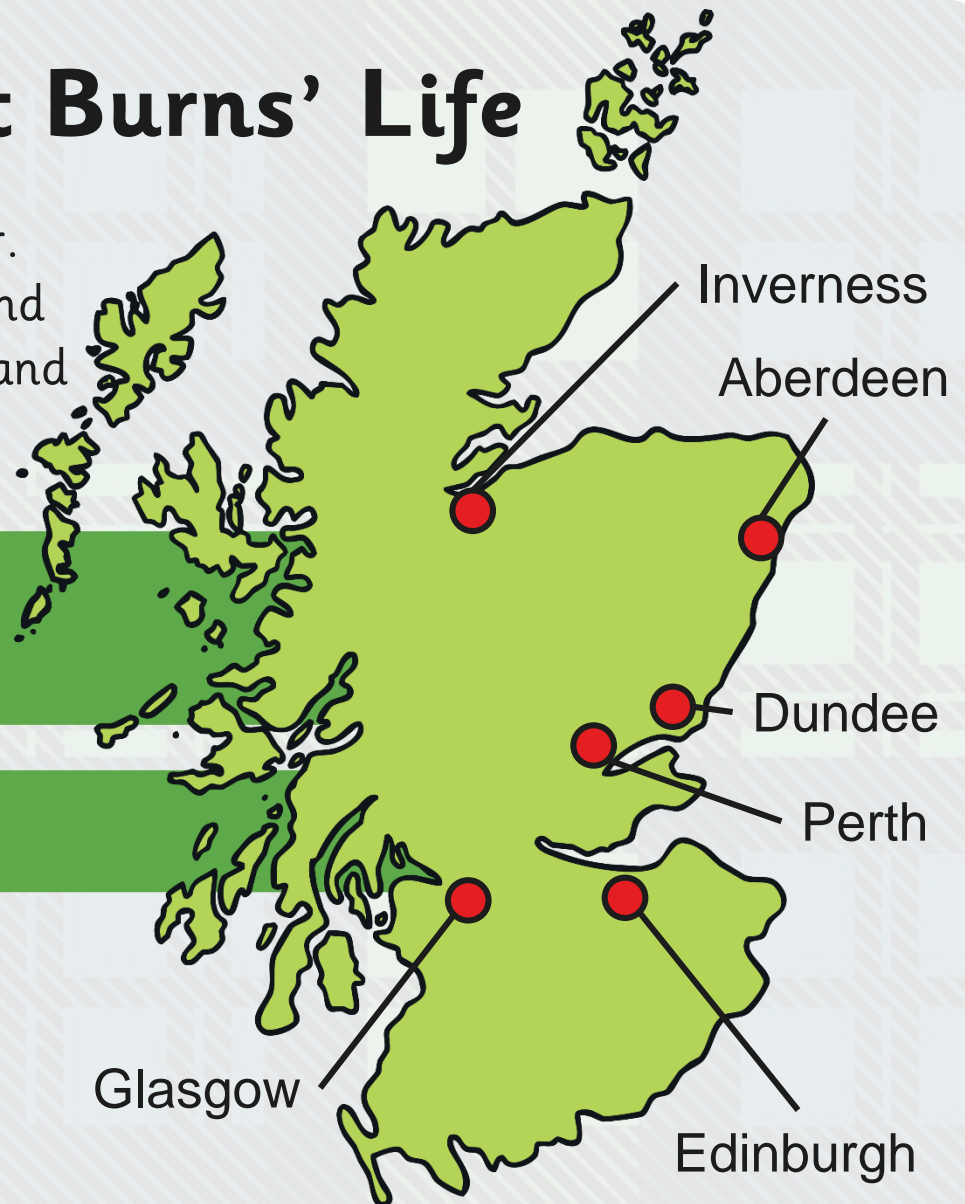


# Robert Burns' Life

In 1788 I married Jean Armour.  
That year, I also travelled around  
Scotland collecting local songs and  
writing about my travels.

Here are just some of the  
places I travelled to.

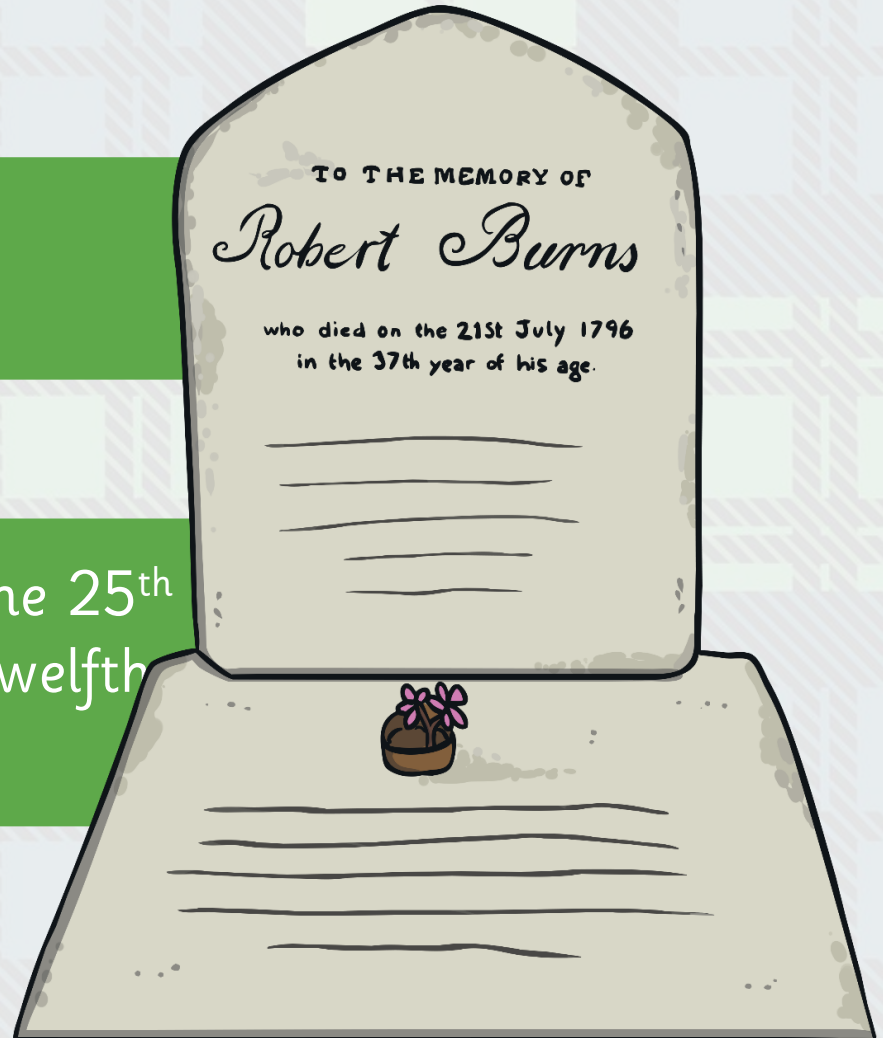
Can you name them?



# Robert Burns' Death

I died on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1796,  
at the age of 37.

My funeral took place on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
of July, the same day my twelfth  
child, Maxwell, was born.

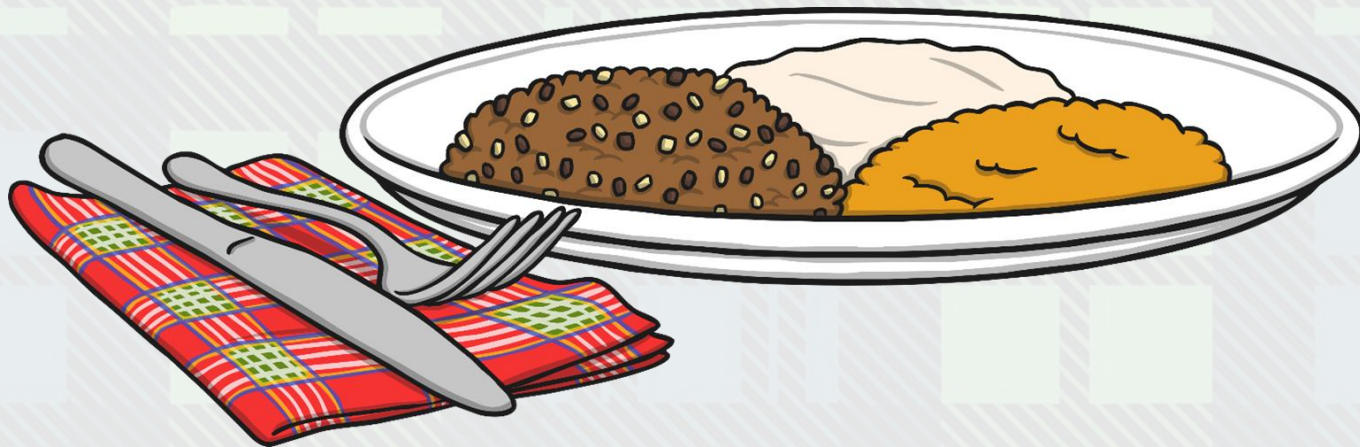




# Burns Night

The first Burns Supper was organised by my friends. They wanted to celebrate my life and read my poems.

Today, every year on what would have been my birthday, people all around the world celebrate Burns Night. They eat haggis, neeps and tatties and recite my poems!







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