

## Scots-Irish

Long ago, a group of people who lived in what is now western Scotland and north-eastern Ireland came to America to escape English rule. Today, they are called the Scots-Irish.



Each year they celebrate this heritage with festivals. This year, because of the COVID-19, many festivals are cancelled, so they celebrate and share their traditions by educating kids!



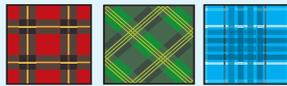
### Map Math

Do the math to identify each country. Then, draw a line from the name of each country to its location on the map.

- Scotland = 22 - 11
- Northern Ireland = 34 - 16
- Ireland = 23 - 10
- England = 31 - 16
- Wales = 30 - 13

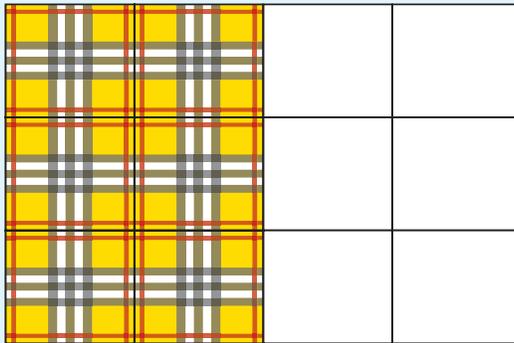
## Tartans

A tartan is fabric with different color stripes that criss-cross to form a pattern. These fabrics are also called plaid. Traditionally, each family or clan had its own special tartan pattern.



Complete the tartan at right by using crayons or markers and a ruler to copy the pattern into the empty boxes.

Standards Link: Math: Repeat geometric patterns.



### Extra! Extra! Paper & Plaid

Make your own tartan using the newspaper. Color the columns of text on a page of the newspaper different colors to make the tartan stripes going one direction. Then, using a ruler, make stripes going across. Use different colors to create your own plaid design.

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

## A Scots-Irish Tale

Circle each word when you find it in this old Scottish story.

- heilan:** highland
- coo:** cow
- wee:** small
- glen:** field
- loch:** lake
- kelpie:** a mythical water monster, often shaped like a horse.
- dagger:** a kind of knife
- braw:** good, fine
- middling:** medium size
- muckle:** large size
- bonnie:** pretty, attractive

Long ago, three coos lived in a bonnie glen with lots of fresh, green grass. They ate the grass from sunrise to sunset and soon it was all gone.

There was more yummy grass across a bridge. The bridge was guarded by a terrifying Kelpie that loved to eat coos!

Wee Heilan Coo was the first to reach the bridge. She tried to walk very softly, but the Kelpie heard her. It rose from the water with eyes burning red and teeth bared like daggers. "I'm going to have you for my supper!" roared the Kelpie.

"Oh no!" Wee Heilan Coo cried. "I am only wee. Wait for my sister. She is much bigger and tastier than me."

The greedy Kelpie sank beneath the water to wait for the bigger meal and Wee Heilan Coo galloped over the bridge.

When Middling Heilan Coo began to cross the bridge, her bigger hooves clipped and clopped noisily and the Kelpie had no trouble hearing her. The Kelpie leaped onto the bridge.

"On no! You don't want to eat me," said the Middling Heilan Coo. "My big sister will make a meal fit for a braw big beastie like you." The Kelpie thought that idea sounded good. It sank below the water again and waited.

Muckle Heilan Coo hurried to join her sisters on the other side of the bridge. Holding her horns high, she clopped onto the bridge. The Kelpie rose from the loch. But Muckle Heilan Coo was not scared.



The Kelpie and Muckle Heilan Coo rushed at each other and met in the middle of the bridge. Muckle Heilan Coo caught the Kelpie in her horns and threw it from the bridge into the deep, dark water of the loch below.

The Kelpie disappeared in a huge splash and sank. It was never seen again. Muckle Heilan Coo shook the seaweed from her horns and walked across the bridge to join her sisters. The glen was full of delicious grass. But the coos had learned their lesson and ate only what they needed.

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Thank you to the Scots-Irish Festival in Dandridge, Tennessee for their help with this page. Visit them at [scotsirishfestival.com](http://scotsirishfestival.com)

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

A Scots-Irish food that is enjoyed by some people but disliked by others is made from parts of sheep, oatmeal and spices. Circle every third letter to reveal the name of this sausage dish.

A D H B G A M L G T W G Y O I D A S

H



Long ago, men in Scotland and Ireland displayed their athletic skills by putting two swords on the ground in an "X" shape and then dancing within the edges of the swords. Music was played on a traditional Scottish instrument. Circle every third letter to reveal its name.

T E B J S A V W G E S P R X I K N P O U E D R S

B

## Double Double Word Search

- FESTIVALS
- HERITAGE
- MIDDLING
- HERDING
- TARTANS
- HEILAN
- KELPIE
- DAGGER
- MUCKLE
- IRISH
- GLEN
- LOCH
- BRAW
- DOGS
- WEE

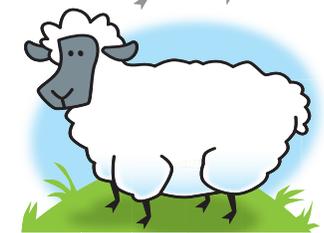
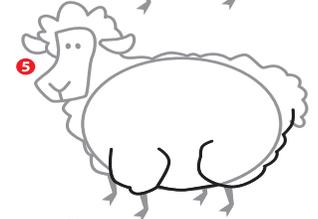
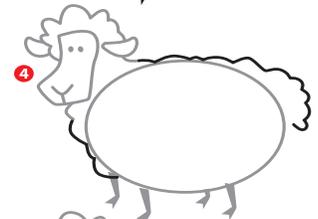
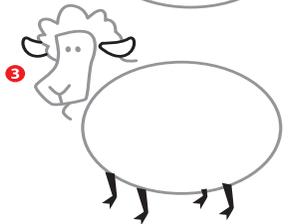
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

C E L K C U M F S M  
G B K E L P I E N I  
N R C R N E G S A D  
I A O E E A S T D  
D W L L T A G T I R L  
R G I I O C G V A I  
E E R D E C R A T N  
H E A D I H H L D G  
H W I O I R I S H N

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

The Scots-Irish raised cattle and sheep. Herding dogs helped them care for their cattle. These dogs are very smart and love to work. Scots-Irish festivals feature herding dog competitions.

Follow the steps below to draw a sheep. Then have other family members try. Can you draw a whole flock of sheep?



Learn to draw lots of animals in **Kid Scoop's A Kid's Guide to Drawing Cartoon Animals**. Available now at amazon.com or local bookstores.

## Write On!

### Sell Those Spuds!

How do you like to eat potatoes? Write an advertisement to sell others on your idea of the best way to eat potatoes.

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