

**Topic/activity/duration:** Scotland/video viewing/40 minutes

**TASK 1:** Vocabulary

*You are about to watch part of the BBC programme A Picture of Britain written and presented by David Dimbleby. Before you watch look up the following proper nouns in an encyclopaedia to familiarize yourself with the names of the people and places associated with Edinburgh and Scottish Highlands. Then translate all the words in the vocabulary section. This will help you to better understand the video and answer the questions in Task 2.*

**Important dates:** the Union of England and Scotland (1707), George IV's visit to Scotland (1822), the Glencoe Massacre (1692)

**Names & Places:** Edinburgh, Calton Hill, George IV, David Wilkie, Holyroodhouse, Walter Scott, Rob Roy (novel), Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond (popular Scottish song), Waverley (novel), Horatio McCulloch, Hamish MacCunn, George Cruikshank, George Fennel Robson, Henry Raeburn, John Singleton Copley, the Trossachs, , Queen Victoria, Balmoral, Edwin Landseer, the Glencoe Massacre, the MacDonald Clan, the Campbell Clan, James Hamilton, Loch Katrine, John Knox (painter),

**Vocabulary:** set in a landscape of hills and crags, to unleash a new energy, a forward-looking country, to forge a different vision Scotland, dressed in tartan, streets lined with Highlanders, to wield axes and pistols, to play the bagpipes, to transform into a highland fantasy, to capture (an image) for posterity, to stage manage the gathering of Highland clans, a troubled marriage, an English takeover, sb's masterstroke, to kill two birds with one stone, intact (adj), to wear a kilt and tights, a masterpiece of street theatre, to be saddled with the image of sthg, to become all the rage, clan chieftains, to queue up to be painted in Highland dress, tartan patterns, to be hung drawn and quartered, the gateway to the Highlands, to turn in one's grave, to set up a printing business, visitors flocking to (a place), clutching copies of sb's books, to jumpstart the Scottish tourist industry, to go bust, to pay off one's creditors, to die penniless, to be child prodigy, to be acclaimed as Scotland's national composer, kippers, to ignite a love affair with (a country), to embrace the new passion, indispensable, to last a lifetime, to make sketch of a landscape, a mimic, a regular man-about-town, to be poor shot (of a person), stalking, a deerstalker, to outwit, to break the skyline, to entertain sb (in one's home), an act of treachery, the valley of weeping, to stand as a memorial to sthg, a haunted place, to make an example of sb, as the crow flies, there are treats along the way, oysters, the Scottish baronial style

**TASK 2:** Watching video and answering questions

*In the BBC series A Picture of Britain the presenter of the programme David Dimbleby explores British landscape through the eyes of Britain's foremost painters, musicians and composers. Watch the part entitled the Highlands and Glens and answer the following questions.*

1. What sort of vision of Scotland did Alexander Nasmyth present in his painting of Edinburgh from 1825?
  2. In what way did the visit of the British monarch George IV to Edinburgh in 1822 change the relationship between the English and Scots? (Which painter did capture the royal visit to Scotland on canvass?)
  3. What role did Sir Walter Scott play in organising George IV's visit to Scotland in 1822?
  4. Which song does the line "*O ye'll tak' the high road, and I'll tak' the low (road)*" come from? What is the central theme of the song?
  5. What place did Queen Victoria choose to be her royal residence in the Highlands and how did she try to adapt the life at that place to suit the Highland cultural traditions?
  6. Who was Queen Victoria's favourite painter? (What did the painter used to do and paint when he was up in Scotland?)
  7. In which of his novels did Walter Scott affectionately depict the Loch Lomond?
  8. Which event in Scotland's history is known as Glencoe Massacre and when did it happen?
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