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Robert Burns was born on 25th January, 1759.

Burns is a famous Scottish poet and song writer.

Burns' most famous poem is *Auld Lang Syne*.

This is sung at New Year and on Burns Night.



Burns Night is an important cultural event.

Burns is thought to be Scotland's greatest poet.

Some of his poems are written in English.

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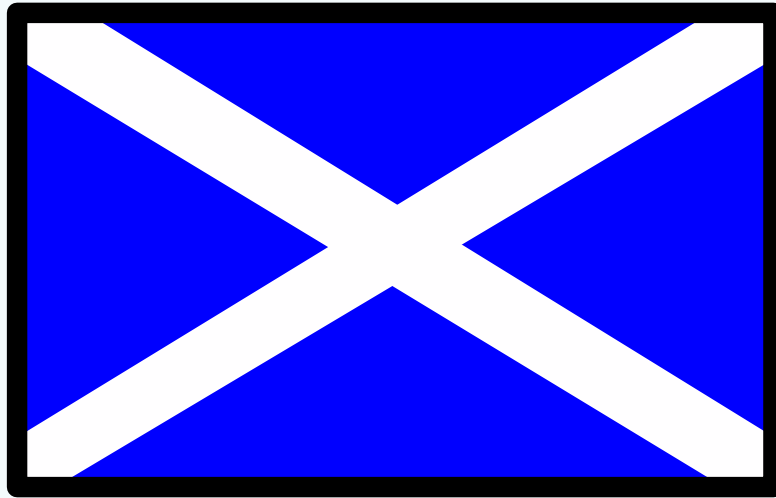


The first Burns Night Supper was held in 1801.

Friends celebrated the 5th anniversary of his death.

Afterwards, celebrations were held on his birthday.

Suppers are usually held on or around 25th January.

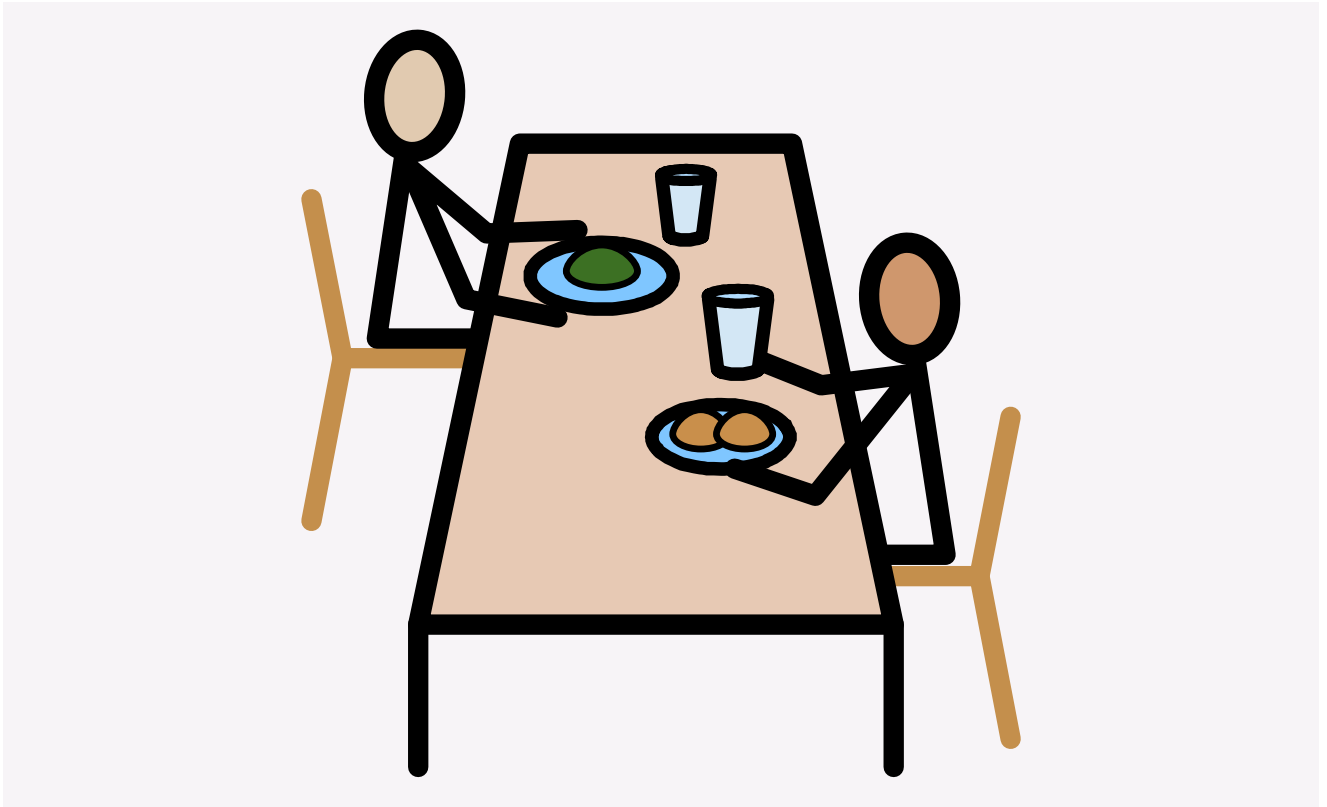


Robert Burns is the national poet of Scotland.

People of Scottish heritage celebrate Burns Night.

Burns Nights are held all around the world.

People celebrate Burns Night by eating dinner.



This is called a *Burns Supper*.

Haggis is served with swede and potatoes.

In Scots, this is called *neeps and tatties*.

Before people eat, they say the *Selkirk Grace*.



"Some hae meat and canna eat,

And some wad eat that want it;

But we hae meat, and we can eat,

And sae let the Lord be thankit".



A traditional Burns supper includes haggis.

Haggis is traditional Scottish savoury pudding.

Sheep stomach is stuffed with minced lamb organs.

Onion, oats, suet and spices are added.



Everyone stands as the haggis is brought in.

The haggis is brought in on a large dish.

A bagpiper may play as the haggis is brought in.

The poem *Address to a Haggis* may be read aloud.

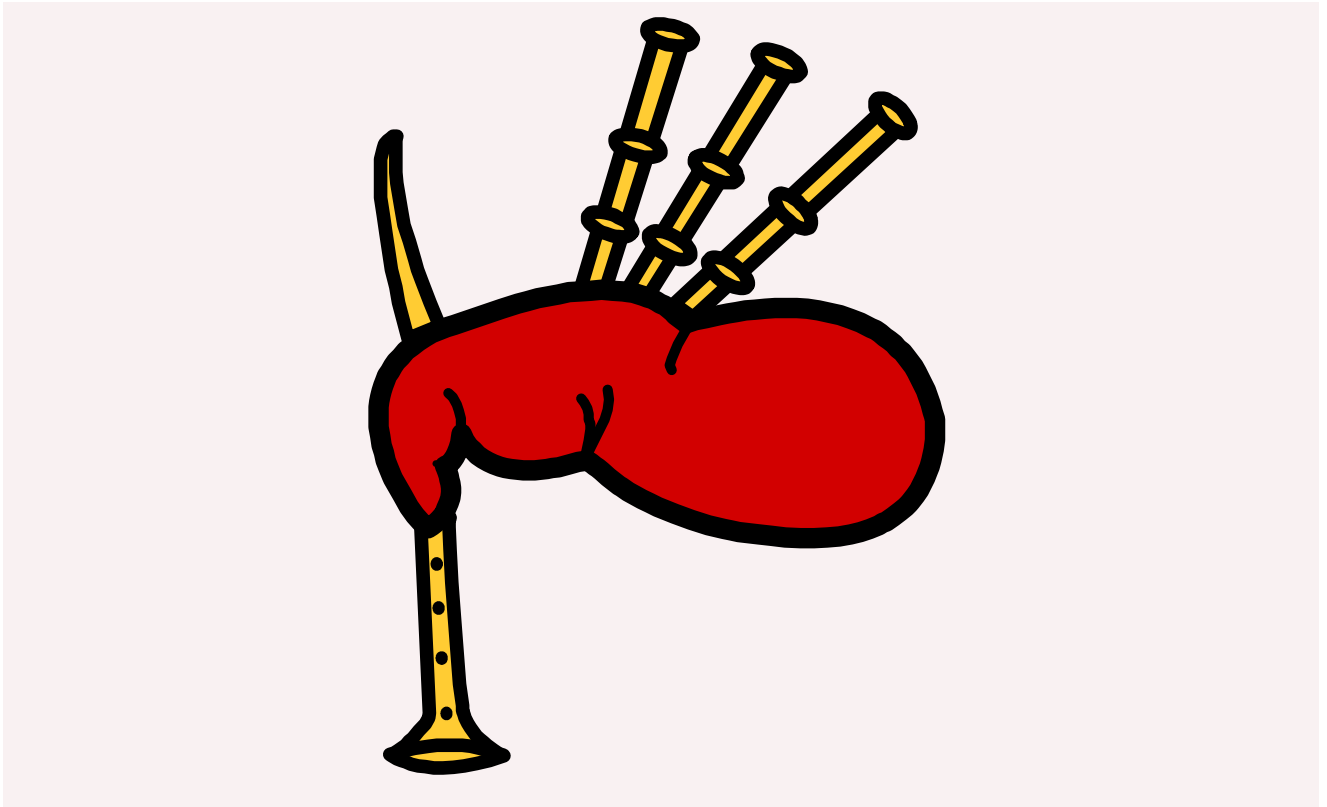


A whiskey toast may be offered to the haggis.

A Burns Supper uses traditional Scottish recipes.

Oatcakes, cheeses and whiskey trifle may be served.

Toasts are made whilst drinking Scotch whiskey.



It is traditional to listen to bagpipe music.

Bagpipes are a traditional Scottish instrument.

The player blows into reeds and squeezes a bag.

Bagpipe music is loud and beautiful.



A Burns Night may have traditional Scottish music.

At a formal Burns Night there is Scottish dancing.

People often wear tartan fabric.

People may wear kilts and sporrans.



After the meal, many toasts are made.

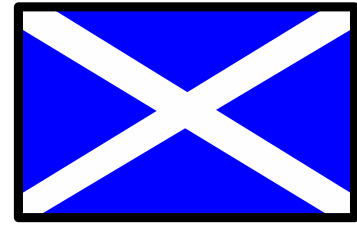
There are speeches about Burns' life and poetry.

People recite Burns' poetry.

Everyone joins hands and sings *Auld Lang Syne*.



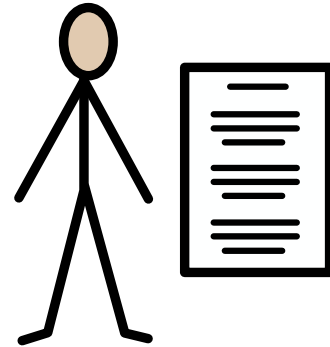
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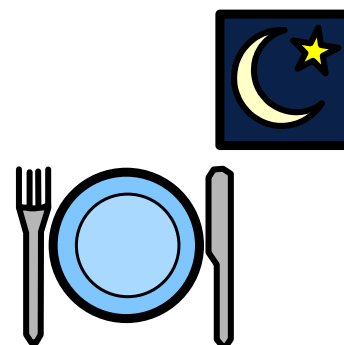
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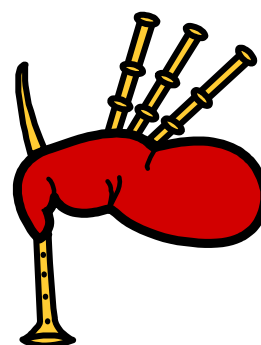
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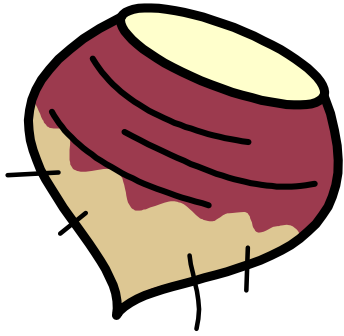
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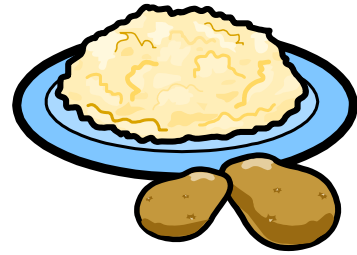
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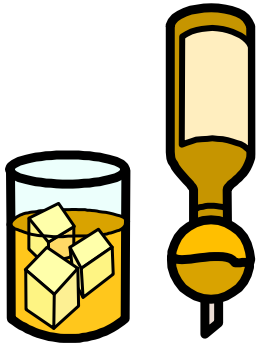
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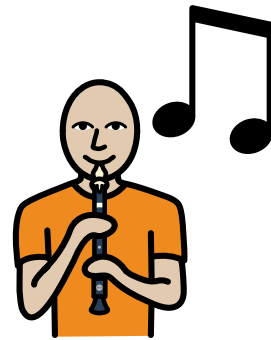
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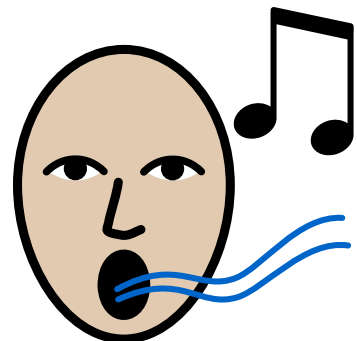
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