

Braw Scots Trail

for secondary pupils

Your name:

Visit the **Scotland galleries** to complete this trail.

The National Museum of Scotland is full of famous Scots from long ago to the present day. Follow this trail to find out some of their stories. You can then nominate your own Braw Scot.

Auld Scotland is the sonsie hame
To mony a gleg lad or dame.
Oot o' a' that clanjamrie
Keek hou mony ye can see.
Whan ye've fund oor michty ten
Muckle knowledge ye will ken.

Start on Level 1 – The Kingdom of the Scots

Robert The Bruce

1274–1329

'Our most valiant prince
and lord...'

Find the picture of Robert The Bruce by turning right as you go into the gallery.

Did you know?
Crowned Robert I at Scone in 1306, Bruce led the struggle for independence from English rule.

What did he do to his rival to the Scottish throne before becoming king?

What battle did he famously win?



Go through the archway and turn right

Mary, Queen of Scots

1542–1587

Find the replica tomb of Mary, Queen of Scots.

Did you know?
King James VI had the tomb built for his mother after her execution in 1587.
Living at the same time as John Knox, Mary was a Catholic Queen in a Protestant country. She lived a difficult life and was forced to give up the throne for her son, James.



Find the 'Renaissance Style' information board on the wall, near Mary's feet.

Which family member imprisoned Mary and ordered her execution?

Why was she executed?

From the tomb, walk towards the windows and over the narrow bridge, then turn right. Find the case about John Knox.



John Knox
1505–1572

Did you know?

John Knox was one of the leaders of the Protestant Reformation of 1560 in Scotland. The Reformation was a religious revolution against the Catholic Church, as well as a political act against France.

Look at the copies of the Book of Common Order, sometimes called Knox's Liturgy'. These days information can be circulated very quickly. What was the new technology in John Knox's time which allowed his teachings to be spread far and wide?

Go to Level 3 – Scotland Transformed
Find the portraits of Bonnie Prince Charlie under the large flags hanging from the ceiling.

Bonnie Prince Charlie
1720–1788

Did you know?

Charles Edward Stewart was also known as the 'Young Pretender'. His supporters were the Jacobites and fought many battles against the army of the British Government. The Battle of Culloden (1746) was the final battle.



Bonnie Prince Charlie became a famous figure – images of him were everywhere! Look at the images in this case.

Even though they were created around the same time, what are the reasons they might look different?

James Watt

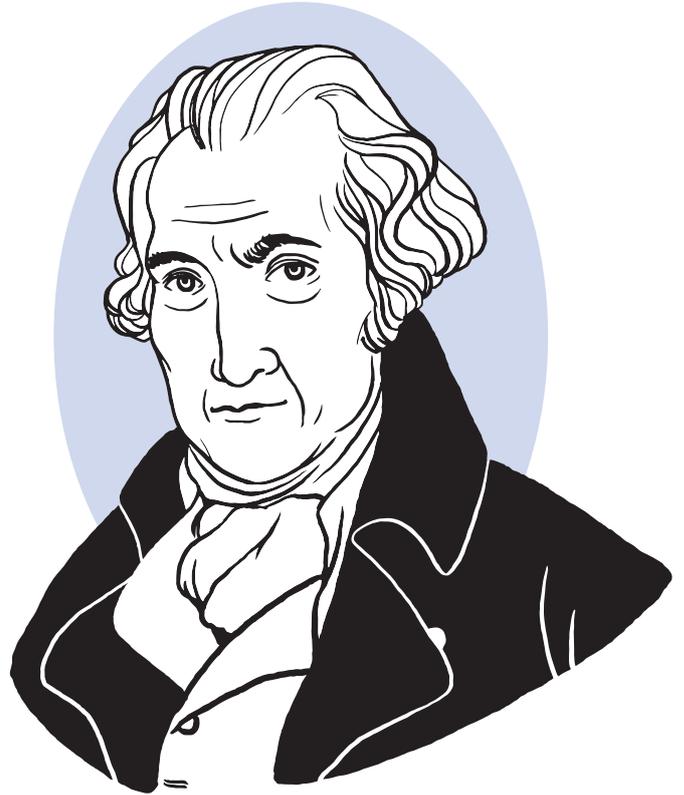
1736–1819

Look for the model of a rotative engine. It's beside the huge engine in the middle of the gallery.

Did you know?

James Watt was an inventor and engineer. His is best known for his work on steam engines, which made them faster, more powerful and more efficient, sparking the Industrial Revolution.

What did James Watt invent?



Go to Level 4

– Industry and Empire

Can you find two machines in the museum that were transformed by James Watt's innovation?

You'll be on the right tracks on Level 4.

Look for the model of the Bell Rock Lighthouse. You can look inside!



Robert Stevenson

1772–1850

Did you know?

Robert Stevenson was the grandfather of the author Robert Louis Stevenson.

The Lighthouse Stevensons made lighthouses for four generations and built 157 of them around the Scottish coastline.

Why were lighthouses such an important invention in Robert Stevenson's time?

Go to Level 5 – Scots in Canada

John Rae
1813–1893

Look for the
Snowshoes.



Did you know?
John Rae joined the Hudson Bay Company as a surgeon. He became a successful Arctic explorer – even the locals were impressed with his achievements! They gave him the nickname Aglooka which means “he who takes long strides” after he walked an amazing 1200 miles in two months.

What can you find out about John Rae’s Snowshoes? How do you think they helped him to walk in the snow?

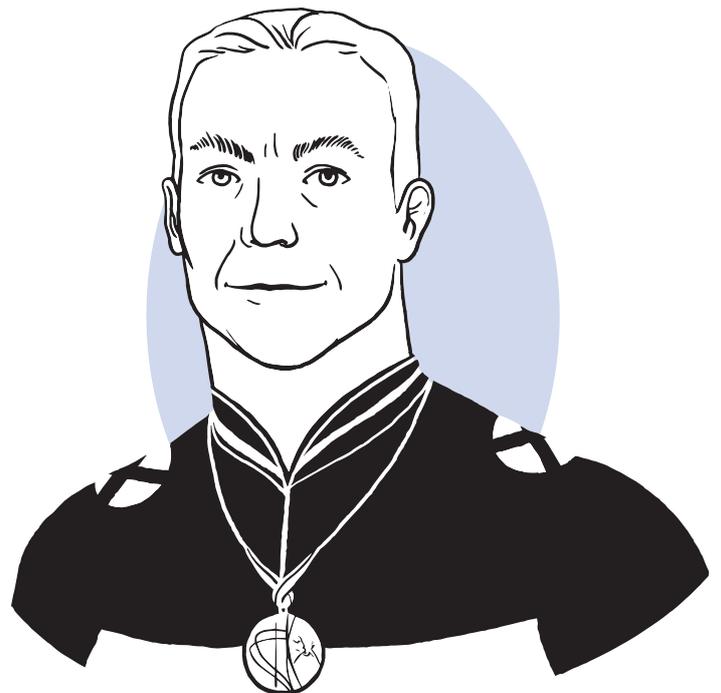
Go to Level 6 – Scotland: A Changing Nation

Chris Hoy
1976–present

Look for Chris Hoy’s medals.

Did You Know?
Sir Chris Hoy has won seven Olympic medals and four Commonwealth Games medals. He has won more Olympic gold medals than any other British athlete. Chris has loaned the museum these medals and has now retired from competitive cycling.

What did Chris Hoy win these medals for?



Mary Barbour

1875–1958

Look for Mary Barbour's case, in the section about politics.



Did you know? Mary Barbour was a Scottish political activist, community leader and Glasgow's first female Labour councillor.

Compare Mary's case with the large case beside it – find the suffragette items and the purple ticket.

Why do you think it was it so unusual for a woman to make a name for herself in politics at that time?



Lemmings

1991

Find the Lemmings computer game.

Did you know? *Lemmings* was released in 1991 and is Britain's fastest selling game. The same company behind Lemmings also created *Grand Theft Auto*.

Which company in Dundee designed and produced these games?

To finish, watch the short film 'One Nation: Five Million Voices' at the back of Level 6 to find out some people's ideas of what it means to be Scottish.

Finally, what is your favourite Scots word?

You can find lots of examples in this gallery.

Braw Scots: My Nomination

Our museum is full of Braw Scots! Who do you think is a Braw Scot?

Name of Braw Scot:

Related object:

I made this nomination because:

Interesting facts:

Drawing of person or object:

