

Who was William Wallace?

In 1296 John Balliol surrendered to Edward I of England and was removed as King of Scots.

Edward took control of Scotland, He forced 2,000 Scottish nobles to swear they would be loyal to him. Some Scots refused to see Edward as their king and fought back. One of those people was a man called William Wallace.



How did Wallace fight back?

Wallace is famous for two battles. In the first, Wallace and his co-commander, Andrew Murray, defeated a large English army at the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297.

After this, Wallace was made a **Guardian (protector)** of Scotland - a man who would defend the nation.

The next battle didn't go so well. At the Battle of Falkirk in 1298, Wallace was defeated when Edward I took personal control of the battle.

What happened to William Wallace?

After the Battle of Falkirk, Wallace resigned as Guardian of Scotland and went on the run. Seven years later, Wallace was captured near Glasgow. He was sent to London where he was tried for **treason (disobeying the English King)** and hanged, drawn, and quartered in 1305.

Wallace is still remembered to this day for standing up for what he believed in.

Wallace facts

- Wallace was born around 1270
- He was executed in London in 1305 by being hung, drawn (cut open) and quartered (his body was cut into four parts)
- After his death, his head was dipped in tar and put on a spike on London Bridge!
- The four parts of his body were sent to Berwick, Newcastle, Stirling and Perth

Tasks:



Which battle did William Wallace win and which did he lose?



What does treason mean?



What does hanged, drawn and quartered mean?