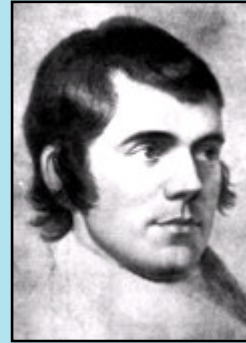


Who is Robert Burns?



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Who is Robert Burns? will consider who Robert Burns was as a man and a poet, and what Robert Burns is now; a Scottish cultural icon, and a global phenomenon.

Young people will share their own knowledge and ideas about the national bard, his work, and what he represents for them as individuals. Later they will consider Robert Burns in the context of Scotland and Scottish culture. This will hopefully foster a greater awareness of Burns, and encourage discussion about ideas of national identity, stereotypes and myths - embracing myths - while perhaps exploding one or two along the way.

The talk will conclude with an examination of how the ideas presented, along with the views communicated by the students, have been influential in shaping the global perception of Robert Burns, Scotland and Scottish culture.

This presentation/discussion will be propelled by poetry, song and images, all of which will be used to communicate different ideas and representations of the national bard.

Teachers who include Robert Burns's poetry as part of their curriculum are welcome to identify certain works or areas of the poet's life that they would like to be specifically addressed.



Suitability: The presentation/discussion can be easily adapted to different age groups if and when necessary.