# **Activity sheet**



## What makes someone Scottish?

Investigate the concept of Scottishness or Scottish identity and express an understanding of its complexity through group discussions.

#### **Aims**

- To investigate the concept of Scottishness or Scottish identity.
- To express an understanding of its complexity through discussion.

This activity is an exploration of students' personal understanding of the concept of Scottish identity. It does not explore nationalism nor promote a specific national identity but looks to highlight the complexity and diversity involved in concepts of Scottishness. The same format could be used within other nation states for example: What makes you Polish? What makes you Pakistani?

> I am a Scot because I speak Scottish.

- > I am a Scot because I dress in Scottish
- > I am a Scot because I think and act like a Scot.

> I am a Scot because I am proud to be Scottish.

Encourage groups to discuss their understanding of the statements and to create a diamond 9 in order of relevance and importance. The most important statements should be at the top and the least important statements sit at the bottom of the diamond formation.

### What you need

Worksheet: What Makes You Scottish? Cut into sets of statements, one per group. (These statements are intended as suggestions only and you may wish to adapt them to reflect the diversity of culture and experience in your class.).

#### What to do

Brainstorm the question: What makes you **Scottish?** Ideas might include name, place of birth, language, where you live, how long you have lived there, whether you contribute to your community.

Group students in threes and give each group a set of the 'I am Scottish because...' statements, cut from the Worksheet Sheet. Read through the statements and encourage students to add in a statement of their own. Other possibilities include:

#### **Reflection & Evaluation**

- Can we agree on what elements make us Scottish?
- Are any of these elements likely to change? How many will always be the same?
- How would your concept of your Scottish identity change if you were in a different situation? For example, if you moved to live in a different country, changed your name or lost your Scottish accent.

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## Worksheet

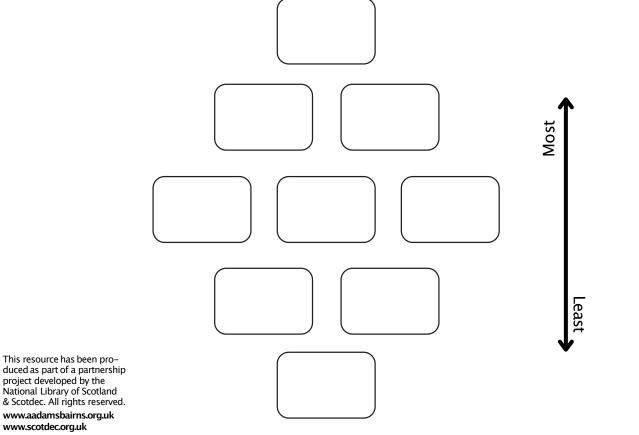


#### A' Adam's Bairns?

Unit 4 Scottish identity and diversity > Who is a Scot > What makes you Scottish

I am Scottish because I	I am Scottish because I	I am Scottish because I
was born here	live here	have a Scottish accent
I am Scottish because	I am Scottish because I	I am Scottish because
my father was born	go to school in	my name begins with
here	Scotland	Mc/Mac
I am Scottish because I (or my family) contribute to the economy of Scotland	I am Scottish because I support Scotland's international sports teams	I am Scottish because

Arrange the above statements in the order you feel to be most/least true, relevant or important using the 'diamond ranking' formation below. Don't forget to add in a statement of your own!



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