

Transcript: National Heroes

As most of you know, I'm from Scotland and our country is full of national heroes (granted - mainly from the past!) To name a few, William Wallace - you may know him as Mel Gibson from Braveheart. Then we have the great warrior -Robert the Bruce, Or Rob Roy McGregor - a kind of cheeky Scottish version of Robin Hood and Robert Burns - he was the poet and activist. He wrote this song:

Okay, you get the picture. It's probably not the version you're used to, but it's nice!

He's also the dude that wrote this: "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley" which in English is "The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray." Meaning no matter how much we plan, nothing is in our control.

Then of course we have 'The Proclaimers'

You heard that before? I'm sure you have. I'm only kidding when I say they are national heroes. Although if you ever are lucky enough to go to a Scottish wedding, you would know how dear to our hearts The Proclaimers are. This song is practically a national anthem.

Modern day Scottish heroes, well it has to be Andy Murray the tennis player. EVERYBODY loves Andy. My own mother speaks of him as if she personally knows him. We love him because he is grumpy and childish on the tennis court. We love him because he kept on winning! He kept on winning and kept seeming like a very nice, thoughtful and articulate man who respected his opponents and loved his mum. He's a champion of women's rights long before this issue got so trendy. He is someone who is unafraid to make reporter uncomfortable. But mostly we love him because he is Scottish and he will remind every journalist of that fact whenever they call him English. We were certainly gutted when he announced his retirement.

I'm sure there are many more heroes that I could talk about, but my lovely students, I want to hear from you:

Who are your country's most famous national heroes from the past? From the present?

Who do you admire? What fields do they come from? Politics, science, sport? Please write your thoughts in the comments below!