

Scottish Wars of Independence



1286 to 1329



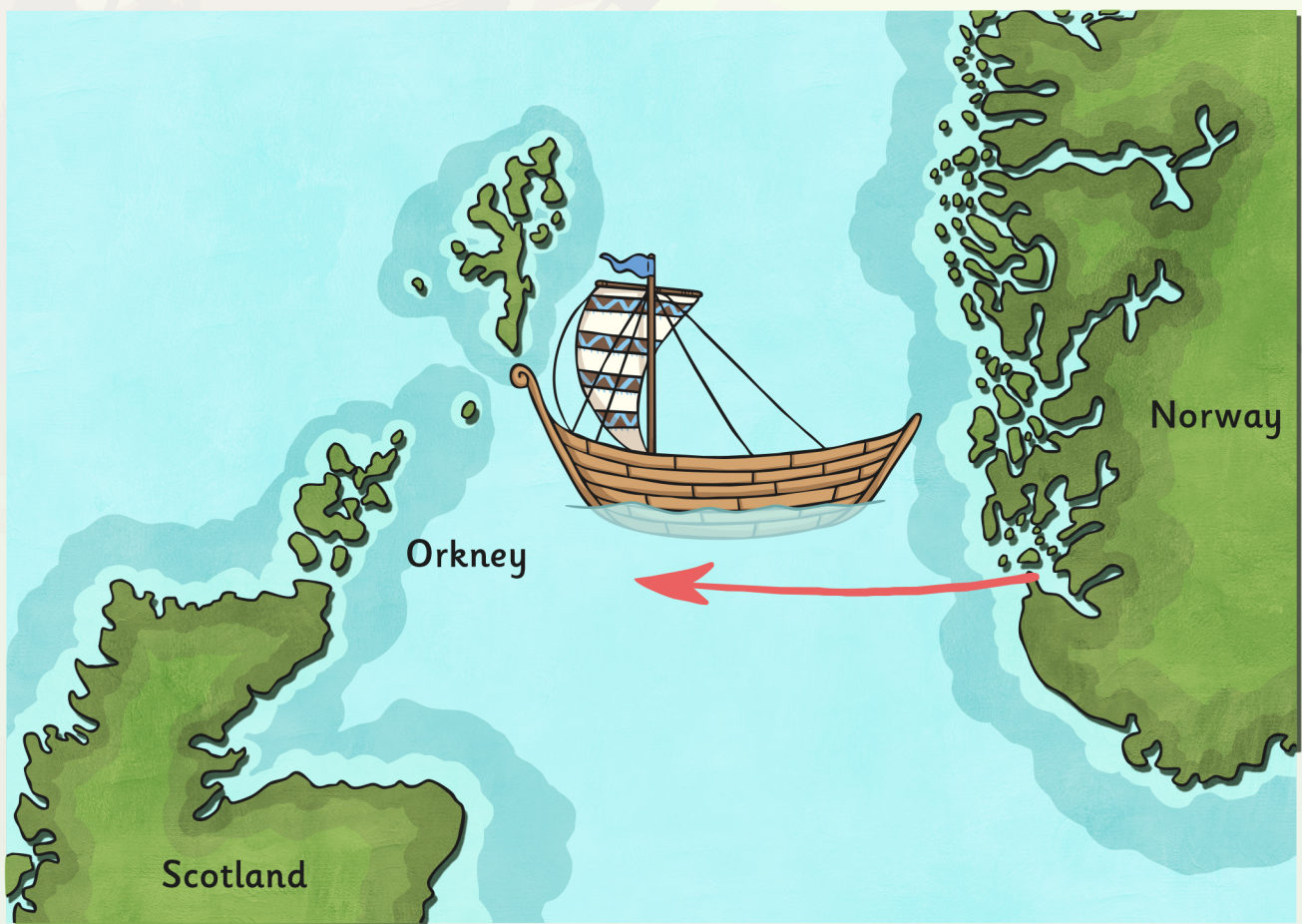
1286

King Alexander III is killed when he falls from his horse. His granddaughter Margaret is the new Queen. She is four years old and lives in Norway.



1290

Margaret, the Maid of Norway, dies in Orkney on her way to Scotland to be crowned Queen.



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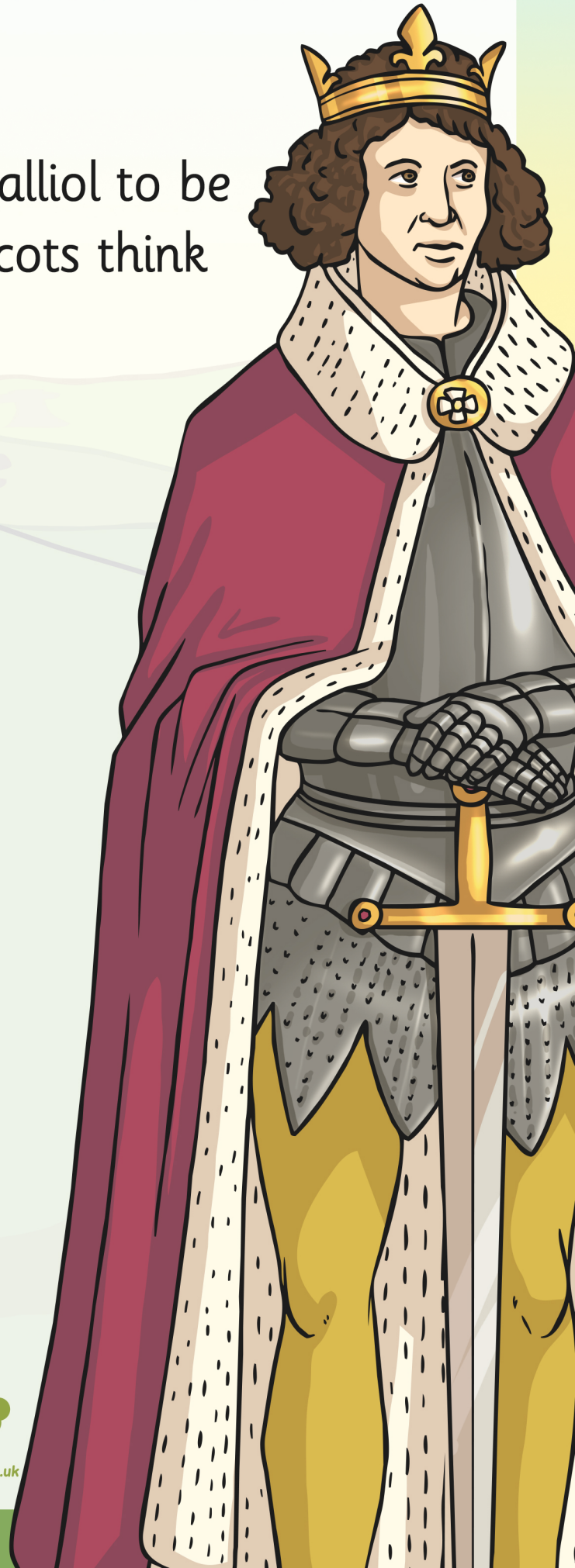
1291

13 men claim the right to be King of Scotland. King Edward I of England comes to Berwick Castle to choose the next King of Scotland from the 13 claimants.



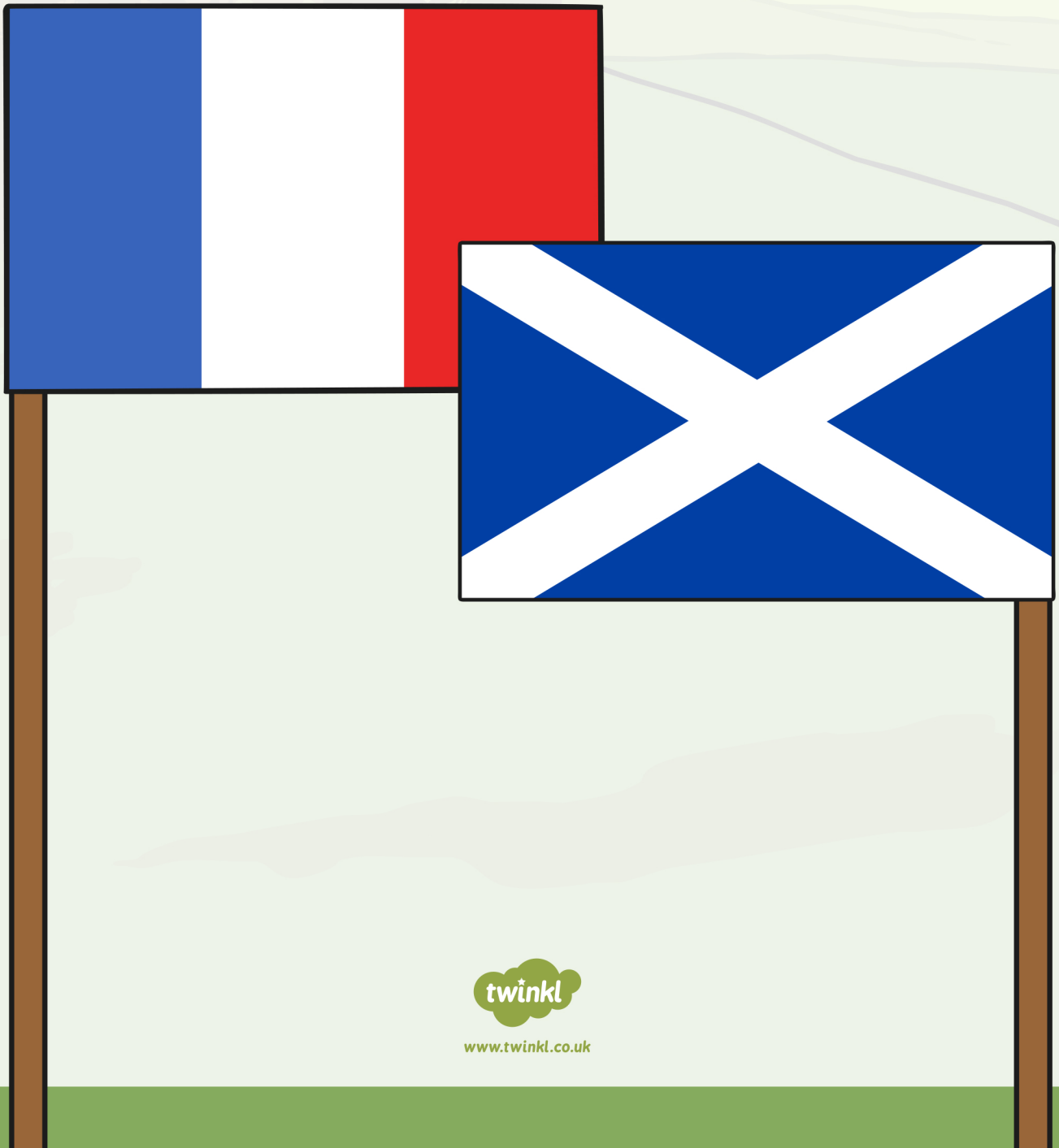
1292

Edward chooses John Balliol to be the Scottish King. The Scots think John is a Toom Tabard (an empty coat)!



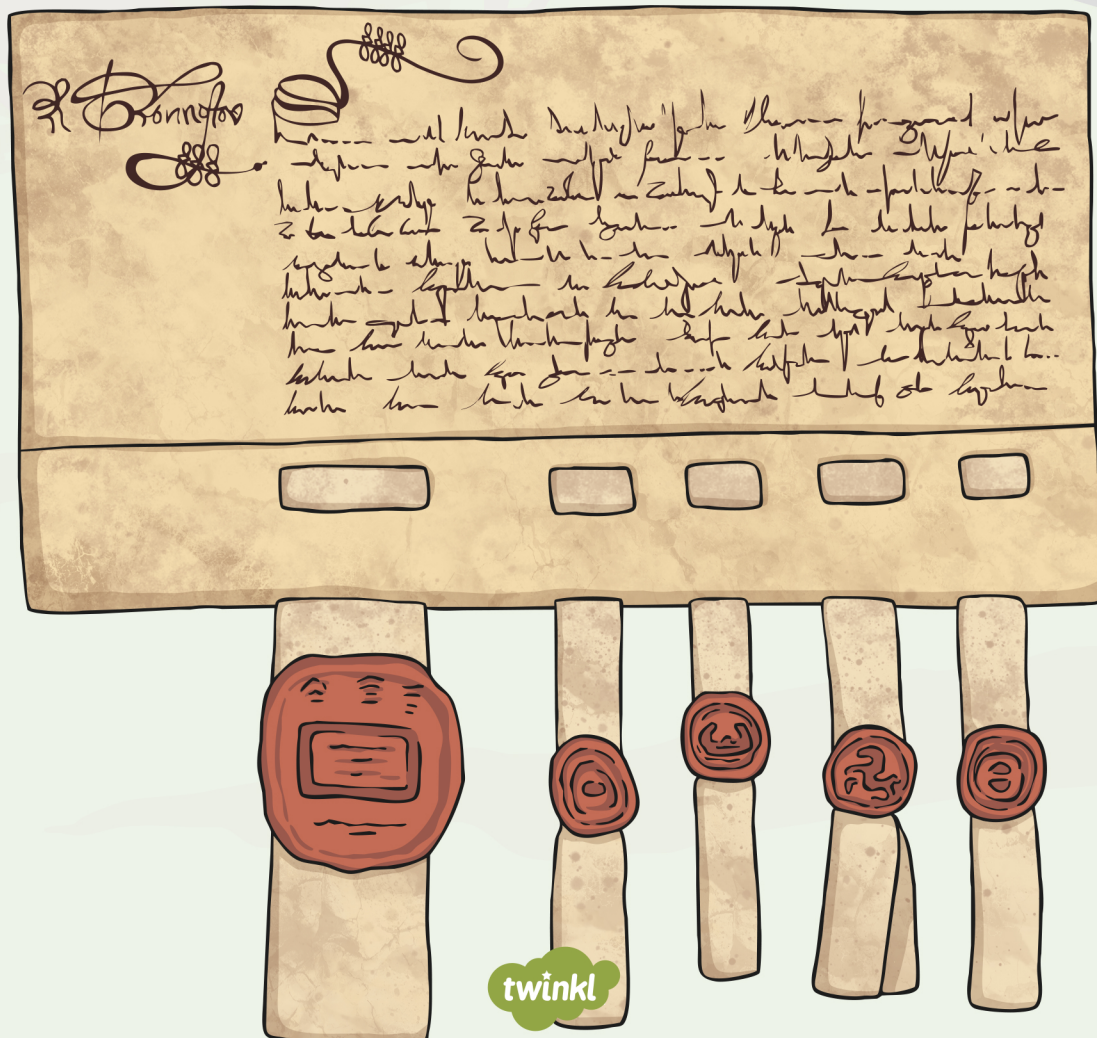
1294

King Edward demands help from Scotland in his war with France. Scotland will not help and instead makes an agreement with France, later known as the Auld Alliance.



1296

Edward declares war on Scotland and captures Berwick-upon-Tweed. 1600 of Scotland's leading nobles swear loyalty to Edward I by adding their seal to the bottom of the 'Ragman's Roll', a document promising their loyalty to Edward I. King John abdicates.



1297

William Wallace kills the English Sherriff of Lanark. Wallace and Andrew de Moray lead their armies against the English. They defeat the English army at Stirling Bridge.



1298

Edward brings an army to Scotland to fight the Scots. William Wallace is defeated at the Battle of Falkirk.



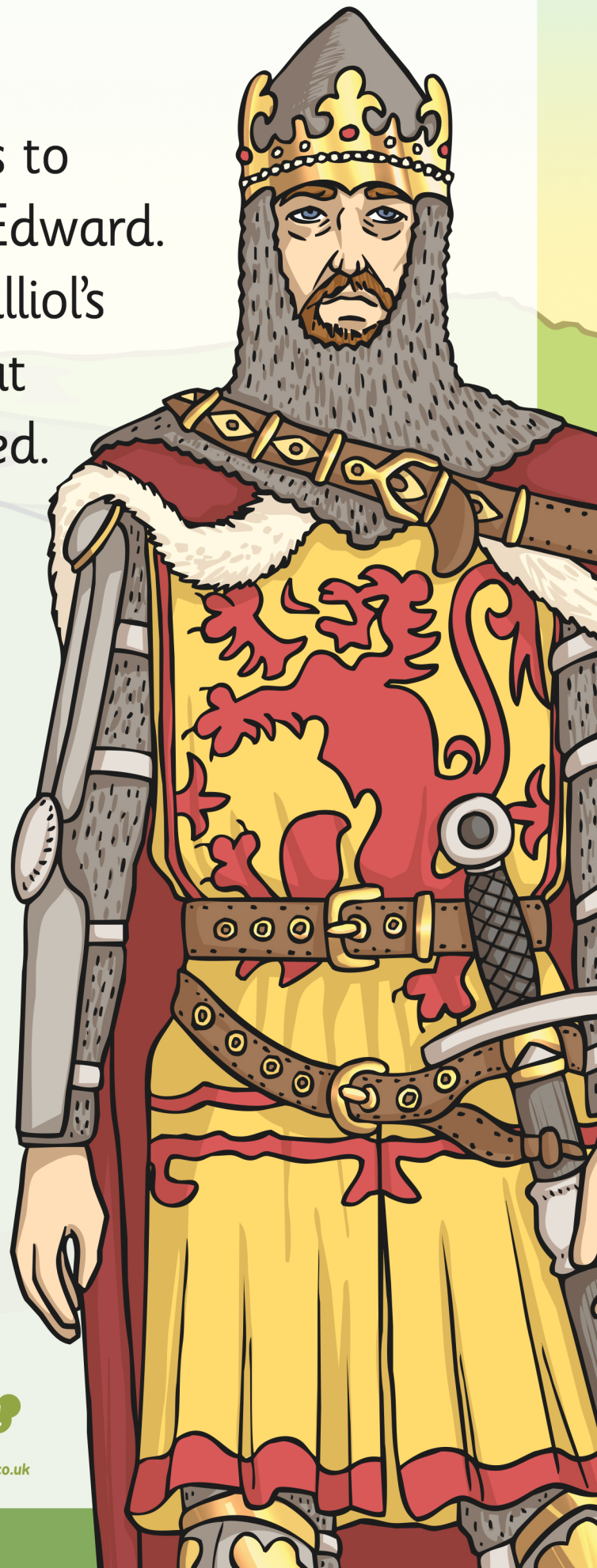
1305

Wallace is captured and sent to London for trial. He is executed.



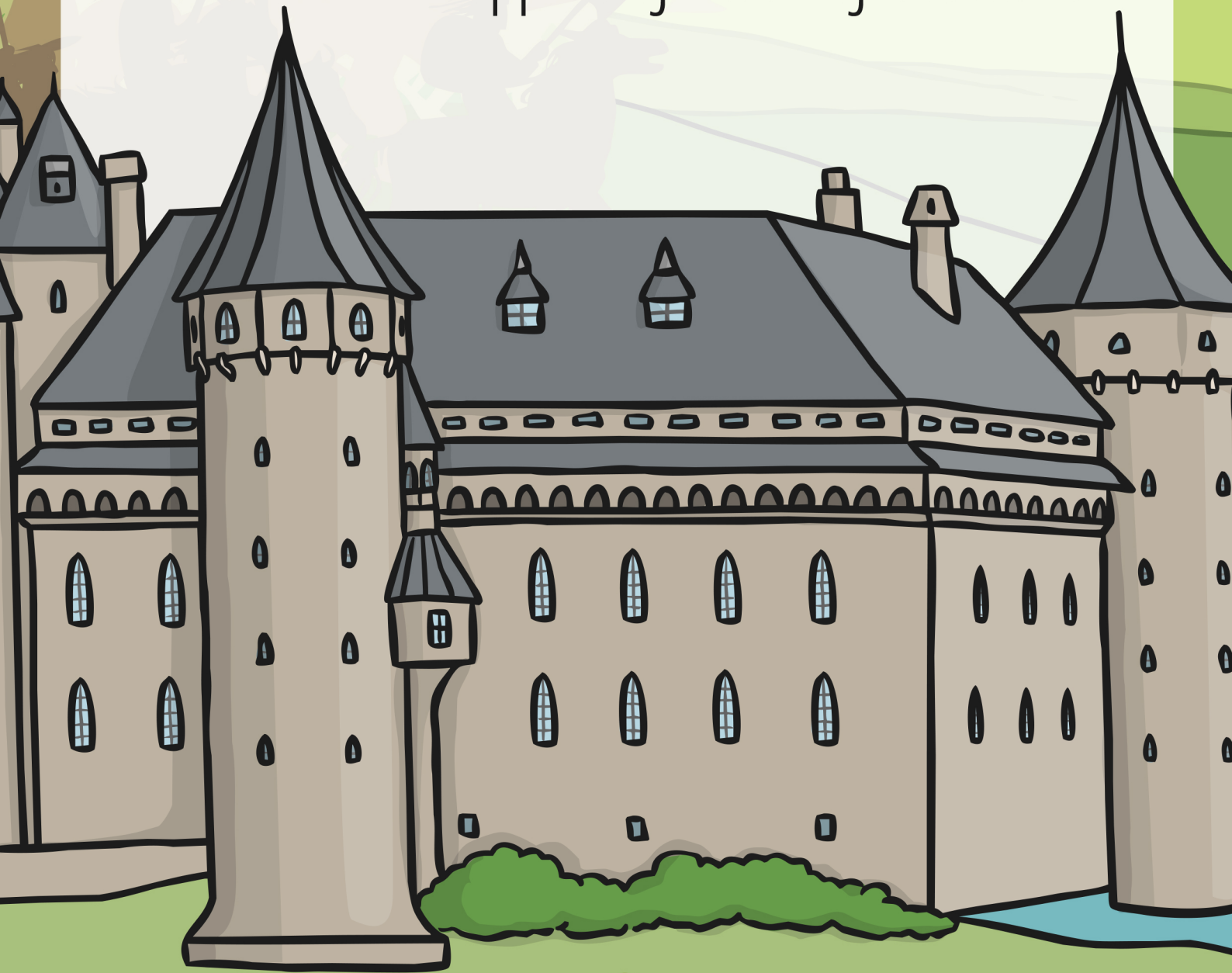
1306

Robert the Bruce begins to lead the Scots against Edward. Robert quarrels with Balliol's nephew, John Comyn, at Dumfries. Comyn is killed. Bruce is secretly crowned King.



1307

Edward I dies. Edward II is King of England. Bruce and his army capture castles from the English around Scotland. King Robert the Bruce has the support of much of Scotland.



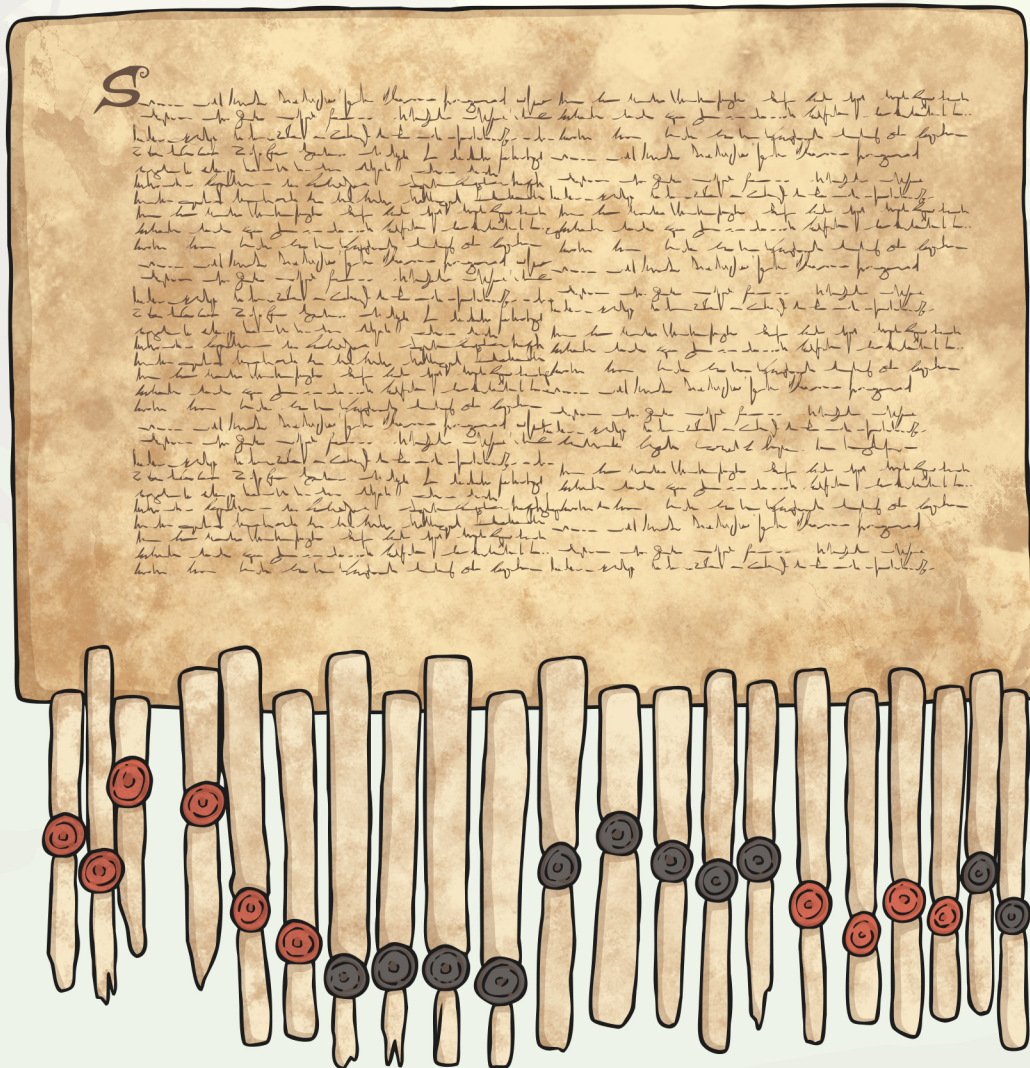
1314

The Scots defeat the English at the Battle of Bannockburn and regain freedom.



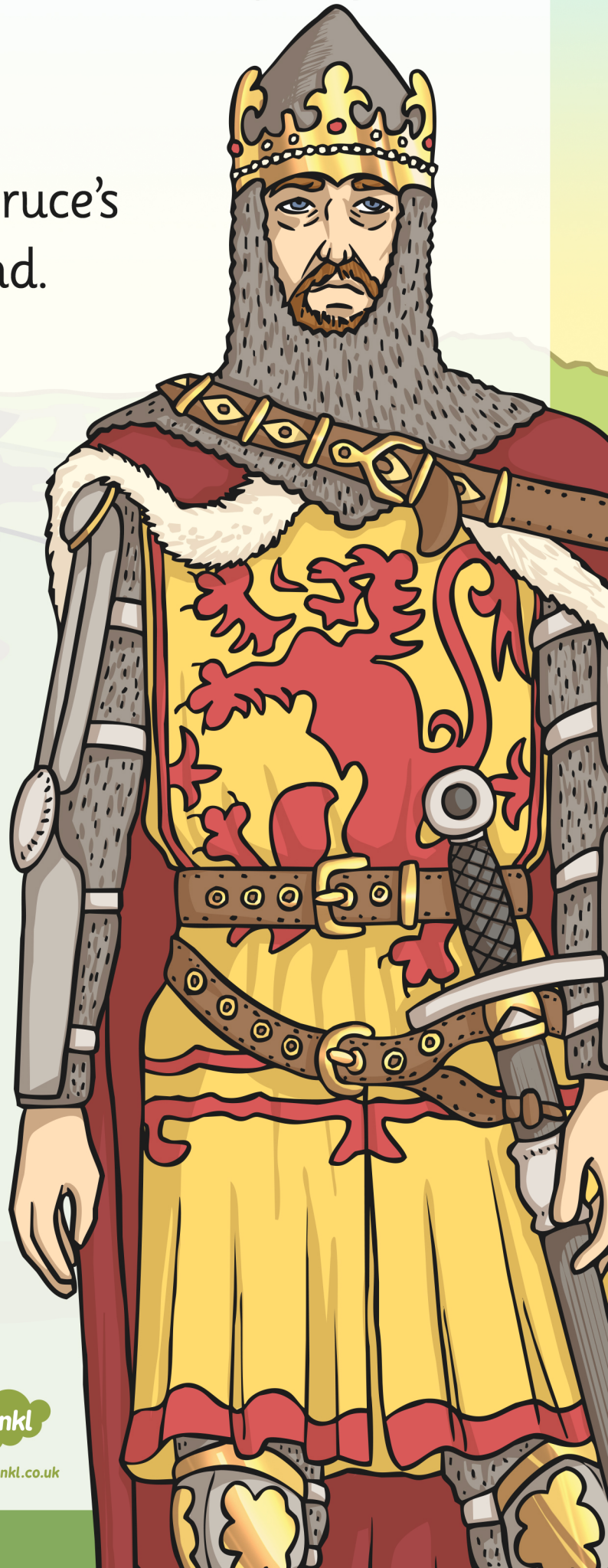
1320

The Declaration of Arbroath is sent to the Pope.



1324

The Pope recognises Bruce's title as King of Scotland.



1327

Edward III comes to the throne of England.



1328

Edward III renounces all claims to the Scottish throne in the Treaty of Edinburgh.



1329

Bruce dies and is buried in Dunfermline Abbey. Bruce's son, David II, becomes King of Scotland.

