**Ученик 1:History of England.** England is thebiggest part in Great Britain. The capital of England is London, with it’s population of 8 million people. The Red Rose is the national emblem of England. Mountains are important in the geography of the UK, but they are not so high. The most important river is Themes. There is famous part in England that is called the Lake District. Great Britain is a monarchy. The head of the state is a queen. Football. Association football is a national sport in England, where the first modern set of rules for the code were established in 1863, which were a major influence on the development of the modern Laws of the Game. It has got a long history. Football was played by the whole village teams in the middle ages in England. Now football is the most popular game in Britain. It is a team game. There are some amateur teams but most of the teams are professional ones in England.

**Ученик 2:** Scotland is the north part of Great Britain. Five million people live in Scotland. Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. There are two large cities here: Glasgow and Aberdeen. Thistle is the national emblem of Scotland. Scotland is full of mountains and lakes. The highest mountain is Ben Nevis. There are a lot of rivers. Golf is the Scottish natural sport and it seems to have originated in this country. Scotland is also the land of myths and mysteries; every castle has its ghost. A Scotsman's traditional clothes are socks, shoes, a kilt, a tie, a jacket and a bonnet. Some people in the north of Scotland wear a kilt every day. But in other parts of the country most Scottish people wear just the same clothes as the English. Scottish people like to dance very much. Glasgow has more dancing schools than any other European city.

**Ученик 3:** Wales is a small country. Wales is the third country on the continent. The population of Wales is 3 million people. The capital of Wales is Cardiff. It is mainly a mountainous land with a chiefly agricultural economy and an industrial and coal-mining area in the south. The landscape is beautiful. Cardiff, the modern capital of Wales, has a Roman castle and a modern shopping centre. Cardiff is an industrial city, which also has a cathedral, a university. Rugby is the national game of Wales. Wales is often called "the land of song". The Welsh people, especially in rural areas are fond of poetry, singing folk songs and playing the harp. St. David is the Patron Saint of Wales. March 1st is St. David's Day, the national day of Wales and has been celebrated as such since the 12th century. Wales has two national symbols — the daffodil and the leek.

**Ученик 4**:. Northern Ireland, also known as Ulster, is still a part of the United Kingdom. Northern Ireland is a very beautiful place. It is a land of mountains, rivers and lakes. The country is washed by the North Channel and by the Irish Sea. The population of Northern Ireland is about 1.7 million people. Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. Belfast is also the most important port and commercial and industrial centre. The Saint Patrick’s cross is the former flag of Ireland. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He was born about AD 390. He converted the Irish to Christianity. Saint Patrick’s Day is celebrated on 17 March. The symbol of Northern Ireland is a shamrock and a red hand. Northern Ireland has a strong cultural tradition: songs, dances, literature and festivals. It has its own Art Council, and there are orchestras, theatres, ballet and opera companies.

My Heart’s in Highlands, my heart is not here,

My Heart’s in Highlands a-chasing the deer,

A-chasing the wild deer and following the roe

My Heart’s in Highlands, wherever I go!

Farewell to the Highlands, farewell to the North,

The birth place of valour, the country of worth!

Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,

The hills of the Highlands for ever I love.

Farewell to the mountains high cover’d with snow,

Farewell to the straths and green valleys below,

Farewell to the forests and wild-hanging woods,

Farewell to the torrents and long-pouring floods!

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My Heart’s in Highlands, wherever I go!