

### Tartans

Tartans, traditional fabric patterns, are a symbol of Scottish heritage and have been worn for centuries. The distinct crisscrossed pattern of colors woven into the fabric makes each tartan 30 \_\_\_\_\_ and easily recognizable.

The history of tartans can be traced 31 \_\_\_\_\_ to the 16th century. It is believed that tartans were originally used as a way to identify different regions of Scotland. 32 \_\_\_\_\_, over time, they came to be associated with specific clans, and wearing a tartan became a way to show one's loyalty to a particular clan or family.

In the late 1700s, the British government banned the wearing of tartans to suppress Scottish culture and identity. The ban was lifted in 1782, but it wasn't 33 \_\_\_\_\_ the early 19th century that tartans became popular again, thanks to the efforts of Sir Walter Scott, who popularized the wearing of tartans through his novels.

Today, tartans are still popular, and many people wear them to show 34 \_\_\_\_\_ their Scottish heritage. But tartans are not just a fashion 35 \_\_\_\_\_. They also have cultural significance and are often used in ceremonies and events. For example, at weddings, the groom and his groomsmen may wear kilts made from the same tartan as the bride's family to symbolize the joining of two clans.

While tartans are most commonly associated with Scotland, they have also been 36 \_\_\_\_\_ by other cultures around the world. In the United States, for example, many schools and universities have their own tartans, which are used to represent the school's identity and pride.

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1. Actually.
2. Although.
3. Therefore.
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