Robert Burns

More than 250 years ago, Robert Burns or « Rabbie » ...................... ...................... in Alloway in the West of Scotland. His father ....................... a poor farmer, Rabbie ........................... a good education, he .............................. on his father’s farm and when he was 15, ...................... to .............................. songs to impress girls.

When Rabbie was 25, his father .............................. Robby took over the farm with his brother. He ...................... on writing songs for girls and poems inspired by his farming life.

Rabbie .............................. a successful farmer. He was about to move abroad when his first book of poems was published. It was a massive hit with well off readers in Edinburgh. After spending time in the city, Robby .............................. to the West and married. The money he .............................. from his books .............................. and friends helped him to get a job as a customs officer. This allowed him to continue writing. Many of his new poems were influenced by the idea of the French revolution and he .............................. about how the rich and poor should be equal.

Rabbie .............................. at the early age of 37. Large crowds .............................. his funeral in Dumfries. His poetry ...................... famous all over the world. On his birthday, every year, poeple gather to celebrate and hear some of his best known words such as « address to a haggis ».

And when midnight strikes on the 31st of December, people all over the world sing his famous "Auld Lang Syne".

Now you can read the text, find and write the sentence which corresponds to each picture below.
1. **Watching the video: Watch, answer or tick the correct answers.**

Robert Burns had a nickname:  
- Rabbit  ☐  
- Robbie  ☐  
- Robot  ☐  

He was born in Alloway in:  
- Scotland  ☐  
- Ireland  ☐  
- England  ☐  

What was his father's job?  
- A poet  ☐  
- A farmer  ☐  
- A teacher  ☐  

Did Robert receive an education?  
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What did he start doing at the age 15?  
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Why? What did he want to do?  
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How old was Robert when his father died?  
- 20  ☐  
- 23  ☐  
- 25  ☐  

After his father's death, what did he do with his brother?  
- He went to Edinburgh  ☐  
- He took over the farm  ☐  
- He went sailing around the world.  ☐  

Did he stop writing?  
- Yes  ☐  
- No  ☐  

Was Robert Burns good at farming?  
- Yes  ☐  
- No  ☐  

«Robert was not a very ............................................... farmer. »

Write the name of two of Robert’s famous poems or songs. « ........................................................... »

« ........................................................... »

2. **Watch the video again and put these events in chronological order. Number the events from 1 to 8**

- His first book of poems was published.  ☐
- When Robby was 25, his father died.  ☐
- His poetry became famous all over the world.  ☐
- He was influenced by the ideas of the French revolution.  ☐
- Robby took over the farm with his brother.  ☐
- When he was 15, Robert began to write songs to impress girls.  ☐
- Poeple from all over the world sing Auld lang Syne  ☐
- Robby returned to the West and married.  ☐
- Robby died at the early age of 37.  ☐
- Robert Burns was born in Alloway in the West of Scotland  ☐

3. **Answer the following questions with complete sentences.**

When was Robert Burns born?  
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Where was he born?  
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What was he famous for?  
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Did he have any brothers or sisters?  
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What happened when he was 25?  
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What was he about to do when his first book was published?  
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