

History of Edinburgh

Edinburgh has a long history. The name 'Edinburgh' comes from the ancient name 'Din Eidyn' which means 'fort on the hill'. Fort is another word for castle.

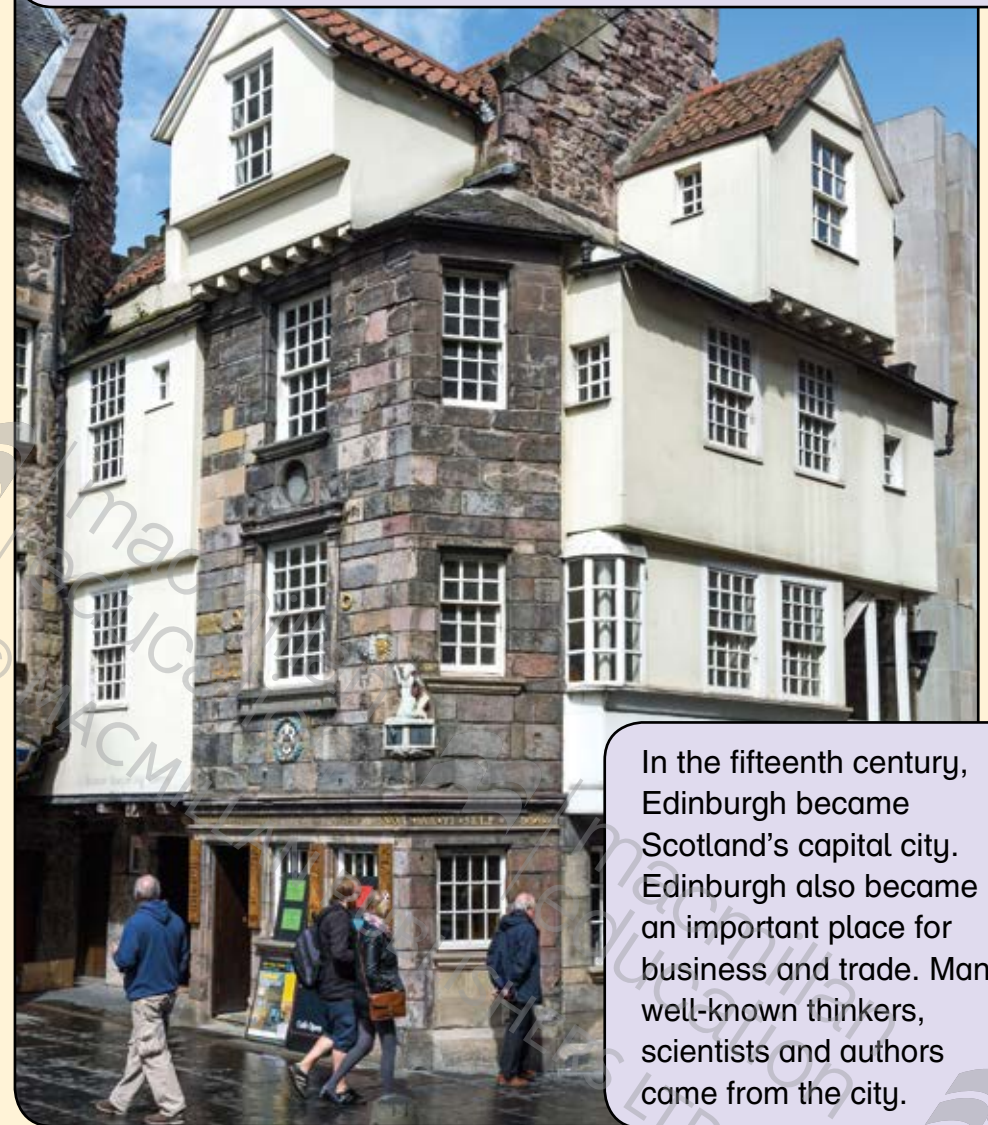


There is a large hill called Castle Rock at the centre of Edinburgh. Castle Rock is part of an extinct volcano. The earliest castle stood on Castle Rock hundreds of years ago.



The castle was the royal residence of David I, King of the Scots (1084–1153). Later, many Scottish monarchs lived there.

Over time, Edinburgh became an important place. The number of people living there began to grow. Many people built their homes close to the castle, and the 'burgh' or town got bigger. To fit everyone in, some of the buildings in the old town were very tall.



In the fifteenth century, Edinburgh became Scotland's capital city. Edinburgh also became an important place for business and trade. Many well-known thinkers, scientists and authors came from the city.