**Italy**

* **Area** - 301,338 km2
* **Population** - 60,676,361 million as of October 31st 2015
* **Flag** - The flag of Italy, often referred to in Italian as “il Tricolore” is a tricolour featuring three equally sized vertical pales of green, white, and red.
* **National Anthem** - The Italian national anthem is a lively and rousing hymn called

'Il Canto degli Italiani'. Meaning the song of the Italians. The national anthem was written by goffredo mameli in 1847. At the time f him writing the lyrics he was a 20-year-old student and patriot.

* **History** - By 264 B.C. All Italy south of Cisalpine Gaul was under the leadership of Rome. For the next seven centuries, until the barbarian invasions destroyed the Western Roman Empire in the 4th and 5th centuries A.D, the history of Italy is largely the history of Rome.
* **My 100 Words** - Italy has always interested me growing up, watching movies or TV shows with magnificent buildings towering above and amazing food with recipes that have years of history and passion behind it. My favourite place in Italy is Rome. Rome is the capital of Italy and home to the Colosseum.