



Scotland

Early Scottish History



Earliest Recorded History

- ca. turn of the common era
- based on Roman accounts
- called “Picts” - from Latin “piclus” meaning “painted”
because they painted their bodies

Hadrian's Wall

Roman emperor Hadrian built a wall between "Brittania," which they had conquered, & the barbarian Picts



Celtic People

In the 400s CE Celtic immigrants from Ireland arrived

Called themselves “Scots”

were already Christian when they arrived

Picts converted shortly thereafter

In the 800s the Scots and the Picts united

In the 900s the land became known as Scotland

English Influence

After Rome fell from power, some “Britains” moved into the Lowlands of Scotland

Gradually Scots adopted their ways

Succession Problem

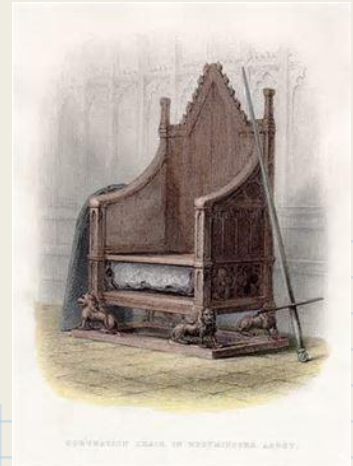
When heiress to the throne Margret died in 1290 (age 8), a huge power vacuum began

Edward I, King of England, declares himself king of Scotland

Stone of Scone

Takes the Stone of Scone & places it under his coronation chair in Westminster Abbey

It was returned to Scotland in 1996



Unrest in Scotland

Under English rule, local Scots felt abused

Little protection from the law

Rebellion in Scotland

1297 CE

William Wallace, son of a Scottish landowner

Along w/30 men, burned Lanark & killed the English sheriff May, 1297

Rebellion in Scotland

4 mo. later - meets English army at Forth River near Stirling

English far outnumbered Scots, but use of the bridge helped

Wallace's men crushed the English as they crossed the river

Captured Stirling Castle

Rebellion in Scotland

1 mo. later Wallace invaded Northern England

But he was so brutal (like flaying soldiers) made the British even more bent on his destruction

When he returned to Scotland in Dec. he was knighted & named ruler of Scotland

Edward attacked in March and again in July, 1298

Defeat of Wallace

July 22, 1298, Wallace's troops defeated in Battle of Falkirk
his military reputation was ruined
he resigned his position

Later tried to get French support

Scotland finally gave in & recognized Edward as king in 1304

Death of Wallace

He refused to submit to English rule

Captured near Glasgow Aug. 5, 1305

Charged w/treason

Condemned to a traitor's death

Legend of Wallace

Viewed as a martyr
symbol of the Scottish struggle for freedom

Scotland gained freedom from England in the 1350s

Scope this out...

William Wallace: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g61xASD-24>

Travel Series: Scotland: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj25h-Qf1j0>