†The history of Scotland †

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Scotland is located in the North East of England. In the past, the Scottish people were known as Calidonians, a tribe of the Picts. After the Romans left Britain in 450 AD, it was separated into four kingdoms; *The Picts, The Scots, The Kingdom of Britons, and The Angles*. After defeating the Danes, King Aethestan invaded Scotland in 934 and forced king Constantine II to submit to him. The language spoken was the Northumbrian dialect or Northumbrian Old English. A famous Scottish warrior, William Wallance, defended the throne against the English army at the Battle of the Stirling Bridge. He was defeated by the English at the Battle of Falkirk in July 1298.

In 1290, Margaret, heiress to the throne died. Thirteen officials contested the Crown. Edward I of England claimed the right to bestow it on John de Baliol, who became King. When Edward asked de Baliol for help against the French he entered into an alliance with France instead. For 260 years Scotland held to this so-called "auld alliance" with England's enemy.

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