A BRIEF HISTORY OF SCOTLAND

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• c. 12,000 BC  Evidence of people on the coasts of the isles
• c. 8500  Mesolithic hunter-gatherer remains
• c. 4000 BC  Neolithic farmers, later Megalithic monument builders
• c. 700 BC  Celtic Migrations – the Celts diversify into Gaels (Irish, Scottish, Manx) and Brythonic (Welsh, Cornish, Bretons)
EARLY INHABITANTS

- **AD 70s** Romans arrive in Scotland

  They note 16 tribes inhabiting Scotland (Caledonia).

  Some tribes are friendly, especially on the borders, but northern people – the “Picti” (painted people, the Picts) are more wild.

  So the Romans build walls – Hadrian’s Wall and the Antonine Wall, for protection and to help keep peace.
FOUNDERS AND VISITORS

- AD 400-500s  “Scotti” from Ireland are fighting the Romans alongside the Picts. Later the Romans lose interest, withdraw. Christianity arrives with St Ninian, St Columba, St Kentigern, et al.

- AD 790s  Early Vikings arrive on the western isles and mainland shores

- AD 843  King Kenneth MacAlpin unites the Picts and Scots, Scotland born
BORN IN BATTLE

- AD 1296  Edward I (Longshanks, the Hammer of the Scots) crosses the Tweed
- AD 1297  William Wallace victorious at Stirling Bridge
- AD 1305  Wallace betrayed, captured, tortured, put to death
- AD 1306  Robert the Bruce crowned King at Scone, followed by wars for Scottish independence, won at Bannockburn in 1314
ROBERT THE BRUCE & WILLIAM WALLACE

• Scots Wha Hae

Scots, wha hae wi Wallace bled
Scots, wham Bruce has aften led
Welcome to your gory bed
Or to victorie!

Now's the day, and now's the hour
See the front o battle lour
See approach proud Edward's power -
Chains and slaverie!

Wha wad be a traitor knave?
Wha can fill a coward's grave?
Wha sae base as be a slave?
Let him turn and flee!

Wha for Scotland's King and Law
Freedom's sword wad strongly draw
Freeman stand or freeman fa',
Let him follow me!

By Oppression's woes and pains
By your sons in servile chains
We will drain our dearest veins
But they shall be free!

Lay the proud usurpers low!
Tyrants fall in every foe!
Liberty's in every blow!
Let us do, or dee!

-- Robert Burns
REFORMATION – RISE OF PROTESTANTISM

• AD 1542  Mary Queen of Scots born, father dies, smuggled to France in 1548

• AD 1561  Mary returns home from France. Reformation troubles with John Knox, the Presbyterians, and the Covenanters. Eventually execution ordered by her cousin Queen Elizabeth I in 1587
MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE THRONE…

- AD 1603  Mary’s son James VI of Scotland (James I of England) becomes King
- AD 1603/1707  Union of the Crowns, uniting Scotland, England, Ireland
- AD 1685  Five kings later James II and VII becomes King and is soon deposed -- Unfortunate mistake of being Catholic, aligned with France
- AD 1688  William III and Mary II become Monarchs
THE JACOBITES

- Jacobites (from the Latin *Jacobus* for James) fought to restore the Stuart Kings
- Many battles from 1689 to 1745
- On the way home from one battle, the Maclains of Glencoe (a sept of clan Donald) and their Glengarry cousins looted the land of Robert Campbell of Glenlyon, and perhaps that is the beginning of one of history’s famous feuds
- August 27, 1691 King William offers the clan chiefs a pardon for their involvement in the Jacobite rebellion if they take an oath of allegiance before January 1, 1692
- Nearly a hundred years later, after a failed uprising, Bonnie Prince Charlie is sailed away
BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE SAILS INTO HISTORY

The Skye Boat Song

(Chorus)
Speed bonnie boat like a bird on the wing
Onward the sailors cry
Carry the lad that's born to be king
Over the sea to Skye
Loud the wind howls, loud the waves roar,
Thunderclaps rend the air
Baffled our foes, stand by the shore
Follow they will not dare

Chorus
Many's the lad fought on that day
Well the claymore did wield
When the night came, silently lain
Dead on Culloden field

Chorus
Though the waves heave, soft will ye sleep
Ocean's a royal bed
Rocked in the deep, Flora will keep
Watch by your weary head

Chorus
Burned are our homes, exile and death
Scatter the loyal men
Yet e'er the sword cool in the sheath
Charlie will come again.

Chorus

-- Sir Harold Boulton
**THE SCOTTISH ENLIGHTENMENT**

- Approximately 18th and early 19th centuries
- Enlightened philosophy, sciences, economics, and the arts
- David Hume
- James Hutton
- Adam Smith
- Robert Burns
FLOWER OF SCOTLAND

- O flower of Scotland
  When will we see your like again
  That fought and died for
  Your wee bit hill and glen
  And stood against him
  Proud Edward's army
  And sent him homeward
  Tae think again

  The hills are bare now
  And autumn leaves lie thick and still
  O'er land that is lost now
  Which those so dearly held
  And stood against him
  Proud Edward's army
  And sent him homeward
  Tae think again

  Those days are passed now
  And in the past they must remain
  But we can still rise now
  And be the nation again
  That stood against him
  Proud Edward's army
  And sent him homeward
  Tae think again

- -- Robert Burns
FALL AND RISE OF THE CLANS

• Jacobites fizzle with the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie, 1745
• August 1, 1746, Act of Proscription outlaws wearing highland clothing and playing bagpipes -- repealed 1782
• Highland Clearances of the 1700s and 1800s – sheep more profitable than people
• Tartan colors and designs begin to be identified with clans, late 1700s into 1800s
• 1822 visit of King George IV reinvigorates Scottish pride
• Sir Walter Scott organizes the visit and romanticizes the clans in novels
CELEBRATING SCOTLAND

- Scottish Clans and Culture are celebrated at hundreds of Highland Games & Festivals held around the world, in Scotland, the United States, Canada, and elsewhere.
- The Edinboro Highland Games takes place each year, the weekend after Labor Day
SCOTLAND TODAY

- Scotland is a country that is part of the United Kingdom
- Scottish Parliament was re-established in 1999
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- Pitlochry
- Glasgow – Kelvingrove Gallery, Cathedral
- Loch Lomond, Distilleries

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