



# The history of language in Shetland



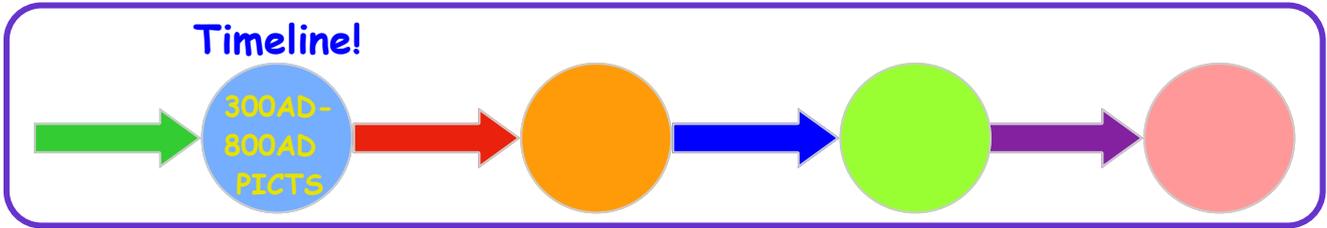
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# The language of the Picts

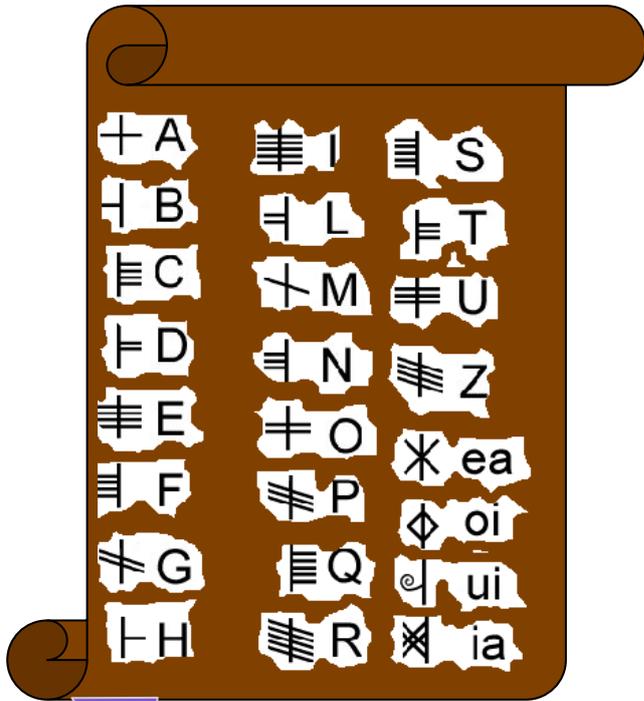
The Picts built the Mousa Broch



The Picts lived in Shetland over a thousand years ago!



We don't know what the Picts sounded like, but we do know that they wrote things down.



The symbols were often carved into stone!

The Picts used these symbols.

This carved stone was found in Bressay.

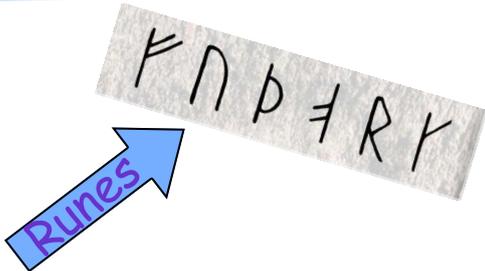
Why did the Picts carve things on stone?

Til Hjaltland!

# Vikings invade!

Vikings travelled to Shetland nearly a thousand years ago.

They travelled on the sea and settled on the land.



The Picts and their language disappeared when the Vikings came.



The Vikings wrote symbols called 'runes'.

300AD-800AD  
PICTS

800AD-1500AD  
VIKINGS

Timeline!

We took our language with us! Our language was called 'Norn'.



We spread our language over the isles.

The names given to some places in Shetland come from

Norn words.



Norn was spoken by people in Shetland for centuries.

# The Scots

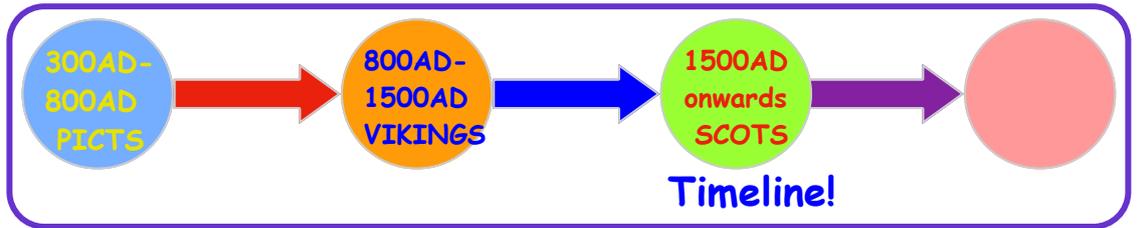
In 1469 Shetland became part of Scotland.



Shetland flag



Scotland flag



Gradually people in Shetland began to live more like Scots.

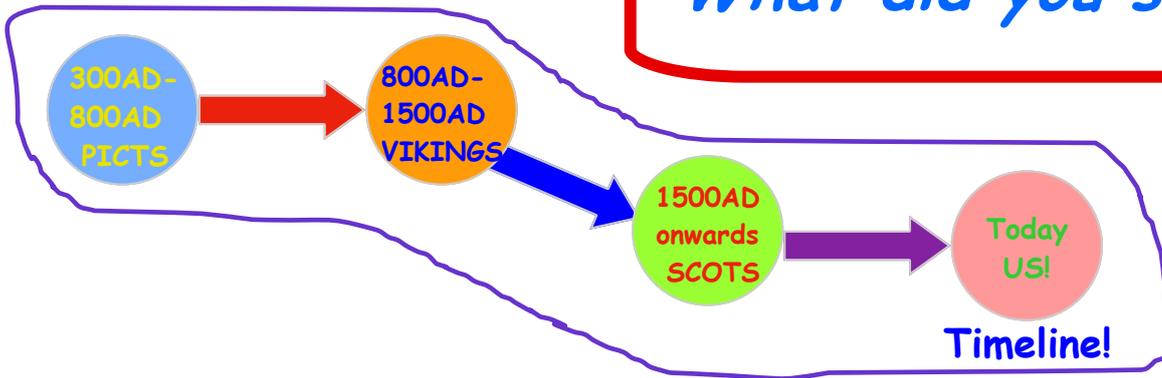
By 1611, they obeyed the same laws, and they began to speak in a similar way.



Norn was spoken less and less until nobody could remember it.

Eventually, Scottish became the main language in Shetland.

*What did you say?*



Today, people in Shetland have a 'dialect'.

This means we use words not usually heard in Scotland!

Dis peerie lamb goes 'nyaarm, nyaarm'



Wir been lookin' fur trows!



We use Scottish words and Norn words in our dialect!

Can you think of any Shetland words?