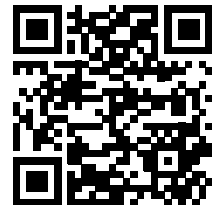


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## Pictish Influence in Scotland



Long ago, the \_\_\_\_\_ lived in what is now known as Scotland. They were known for their mysterious symbols carved into \_\_\_\_\_, which still puzzle historians today. The Picts were skilled \_\_\_\_\_, often defending their lands against invaders. Unlike many other \_\_\_\_\_ of their time, they were ruled by both kings and queens, showing a form of \_\_\_\_\_ in leadership. Their homes were built from \_\_\_\_\_ and stone, designed to withstand harsh weather. The Pictish \_\_\_\_\_ was mainly based on agriculture, but they were also excellent \_\_\_\_\_, creating beautiful jewelry and metalwork. They had their own language, though it has been lost over \_\_\_\_\_, with only a few words surviving in modern Scottish Gaelic. Christianity was introduced to the Picts in the 5th \_\_\_\_\_, which eventually led to the merging of Pictish and Gaelic cultures. The last Pictish \_\_\_\_\_ was defeated in the 9th century, marking the end of their distinct society. However, their \_\_\_\_\_ continues to influence Scottish culture, art, and history. Their mysterious \_\_\_\_\_ remain a subject of fascination, and efforts to decode them are ongoing. Despite their \_\_\_\_\_ as a distinct group, the Picts play a crucial role in understanding the early history of \_\_\_\_\_.

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