

England has always played the most powerful part in the history of the British Isles. But the stories of Wales, Ireland and Scotland are also important, because their people still feel different from the Anglo-Saxon English. However, the other three countries, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, have a different history. Wales By the eighth century most of the Celts had been driven into the Welsh peninsula. Until recently few historians looked at British history except from an English point of view. The experience of the Welsh, Irish and Scots helps to explain the feeling they have today. They were kept out of England by Offa's Dyke, the huge earth wall built in AD 779.