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- **Roman invasion, conquest and occupation of Wales and borders – camps and forts in many borderland locations such as Ruthin, Clyro, Abergavenny, Monmouth, Caerleon and Wroxeter:** 47-410AD
- **King Offa of Mercia’s reign:** 757-796
- **Offa’s Dyke built:** 780-790
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- **Battle of Montgomery:** 1535/6
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- **Monmouth rebellion:** 1643
- **Battle of St Albans:** 1645
- **Doomsday Book awarded Norman Marcher Lords lands along Welsh English Borderlands – they ruled the borderlands for the next five centuries:** 1066-1400
- **Tourism develops in Welsh spa towns such as Builth Wells and Llandrindod Wells:** 1850-1860s
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- **1643**: Civil war siege of Brampton Bryan, Herefordshire; Siege and massacre at Hopton Castle, Shropshire; and Battle of Montgomery, Shropshire, won by the Parliamentarians
- **1782-1850**: Wye Valley Tour starts as a result of visits by famous painters like William Turner as part of the Picturesque Movement
- **1795-1812**: Montgomery, Shropshire Union, Llangollen and Monmouthshire and Brecon Canals built
- **1790s-1830**: Ladies of Llangollen popularise visits and early tourism to the Dee Valley
- **1801**: Chirk Aqueduct built and 1805 Thomas Telford completes Pontcysyllte Aqueduct the highest Aqueduct in Britain
- **1835-1840**: Railways reach many borderland towns, transforming many of their economies
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