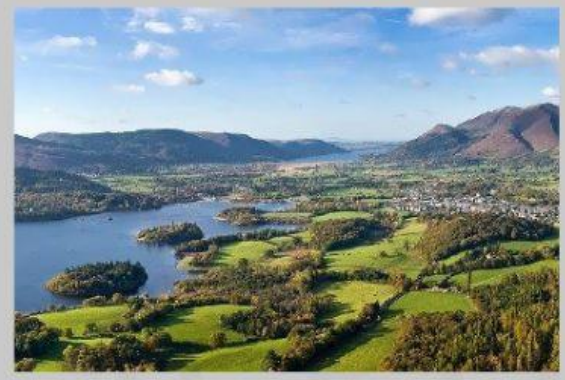
Hadrian's Wall

Hadrian's Wall is an **ancient** wall across England from Carlisle in the east to Newcastle in the west. The Roman Emperor Hadrian wanted **to protect** Roman Britain from attacks by Scottish **tribes**. Hadrian told his soldiers to build a wall. It took them nearly six years to complete it. The wall was 117 kilometers long and 4 metres high. But today only ruins **left** of Hadrian's Wall.

The Lake District



The Lake District is the most beautiful place in England. It **attracts** many thousands of people every year. There are 16 lakes and about 100 mountains in the Lake District, **including** the highest mountain in England, Scafell Pike, and the largest lake, Windermere.

English poets of the 19th century who lived in the Lake District and **described** its beauty are known as the Lake Poets. The most famous of them is William Wordsworth. In 1951, the Lake District was made a national park.

The Thames

The Thames is the longest and most important river in England. The Romans called it the Tamesis, and the name is probably a Celtic word, which means "broad river". Many places of interest lie on its banks (Oxford, Windsor, Greenwich, and Hampton Court, Richmond). In London, the river flows past the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London.

Poets usually call it "**liquid** history" and "**Old Father Thames**".

There are 15 bridges across the Thames in London.