



Topic: Old Blighty

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Background Information

- The United Kingdom refers to England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Great Britain refers to England, Scotland and Wales.
- The four countries all consist of counties.
- The United Kingdom is in the continent of Europe.
- Each of the four countries have their own capital city: London (England); Edinburgh (Scotland); Cardiff (Wales); Belfast (Northern Ireland)

Diagrams / Timelines / Photos



Interesting Facts

- c. 925 – The Kingdom of England. Established by the unification of Anglo-Saxon tribes across modern day England.
- 1536 – Kingdom of England and Wales. A bill enacted by King Henry VIII which effectively made England and Wales the same country, governed by the same laws.
- 1707 – Kingdom of Great Britain. The Kingdom of England (which includes Wales) joined with the Kingdom of Scotland to form The Kingdom of Great Britain.
- 1801 – United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Ireland joins the union, and once again the name changes.
- 1922 – United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The Republic of Ireland (Eire, or 'Southern Ireland') withdraws from the union, leaving just the northern counties of Ireland. This is the UK that remains to this day.
- England contains about 84% of the UK population.
- Much of the land in England is flat (low lying) - less than 1000m above sea level, forming meadowlands and pastures and less than 10 percent of the area is covered by woodlands. Farmers raise animals or grow crops in the fields .
- The UK is bordered by four seas: to the south by the English Channel, which separates it from continental Europe; to the east by the North Sea; to the west by the Irish Sea and the Atlantic Ocean.
- Scotland has some 790 islands - 130 inhabited.
- Scotland is about twice as large as Holland .
- Much of Wales, due to poor soil, is unsuitable for crop-growing, and so livestock farming has traditionally been the focus of agriculture.
- After years of civil war, Ireland became a republic in 1921. At this time, Britain negotiated with Ireland to keep the six counties in the north-east of Ireland. These six counties now make up what is known as Northern Ireland. The southern part of the island is the Republic of Ireland, or Eire.

Key Vocabulary

Map	A diagrammatic representation of an area of land or sea showing physical features, cities, roads, etc.
Nation	A large body of people united by common descent, history, culture, or language, inhabiting a particular country or territory.
County	A territorial division of some countries, forming the chief unit of local administration.
Region	An area, especially part of a country or the world having definable characteristics but not always fixed boundaries.
Topography	The study of the shape and features of land surfaces.
Compass points	The four cardinal directions are north (N), east (E), south (S), west (W), at 90° angles on the compass rose. .
Population	All the inhabitants of a particular place.



Know how to / Activity

- Find the names of all the counties that border Lincolnshire.
- Find the names of the five largest settlements in Lincolnshire and find them on a map.
- Create your own map of the town or village you live in.
- Locate places on a map you have visited or intend to visit i.e. Legoland Windsor.
- Create a treasure hunt using a map and the points of a compass to guide people to the treasure