

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

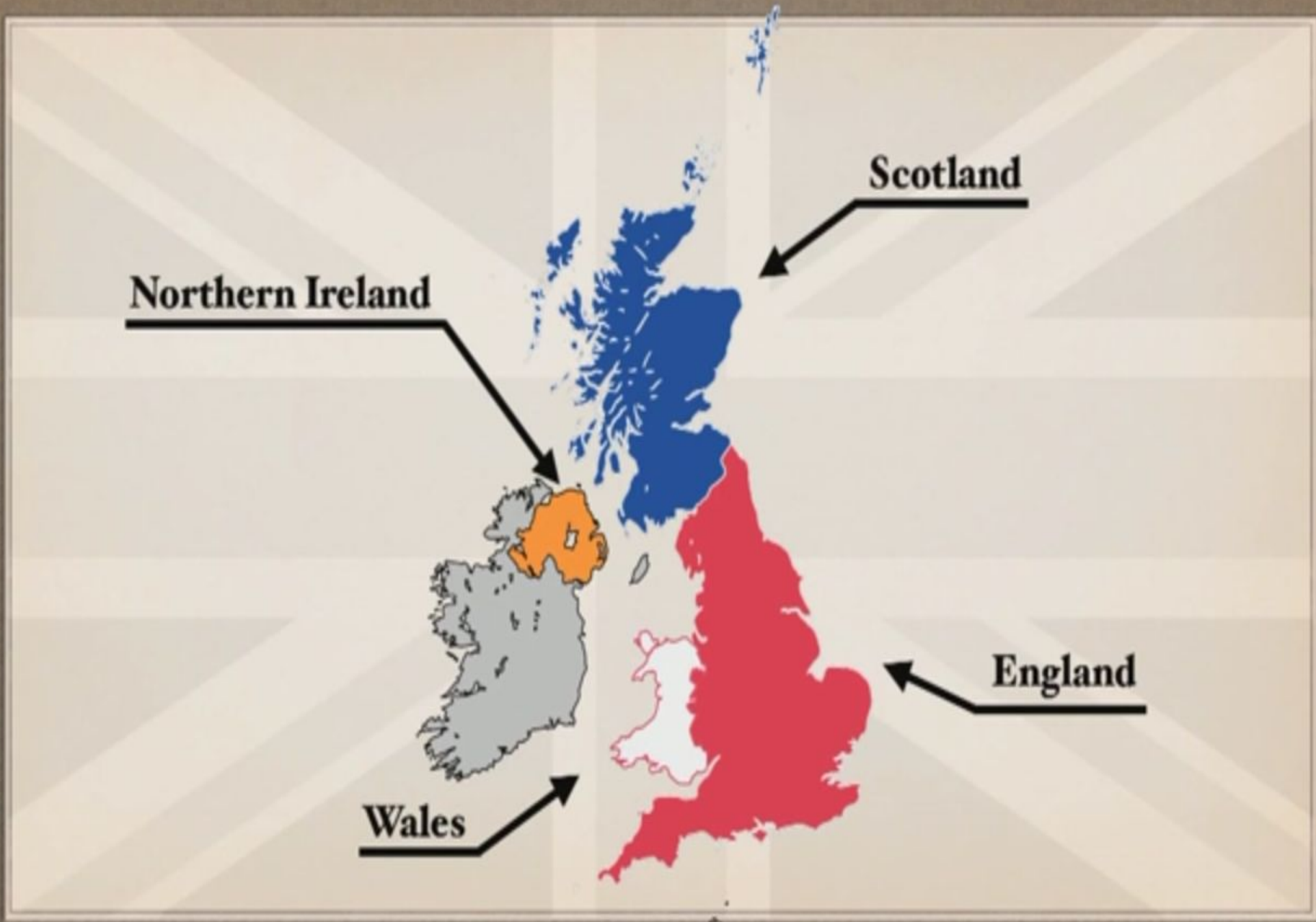


Northern Ireland

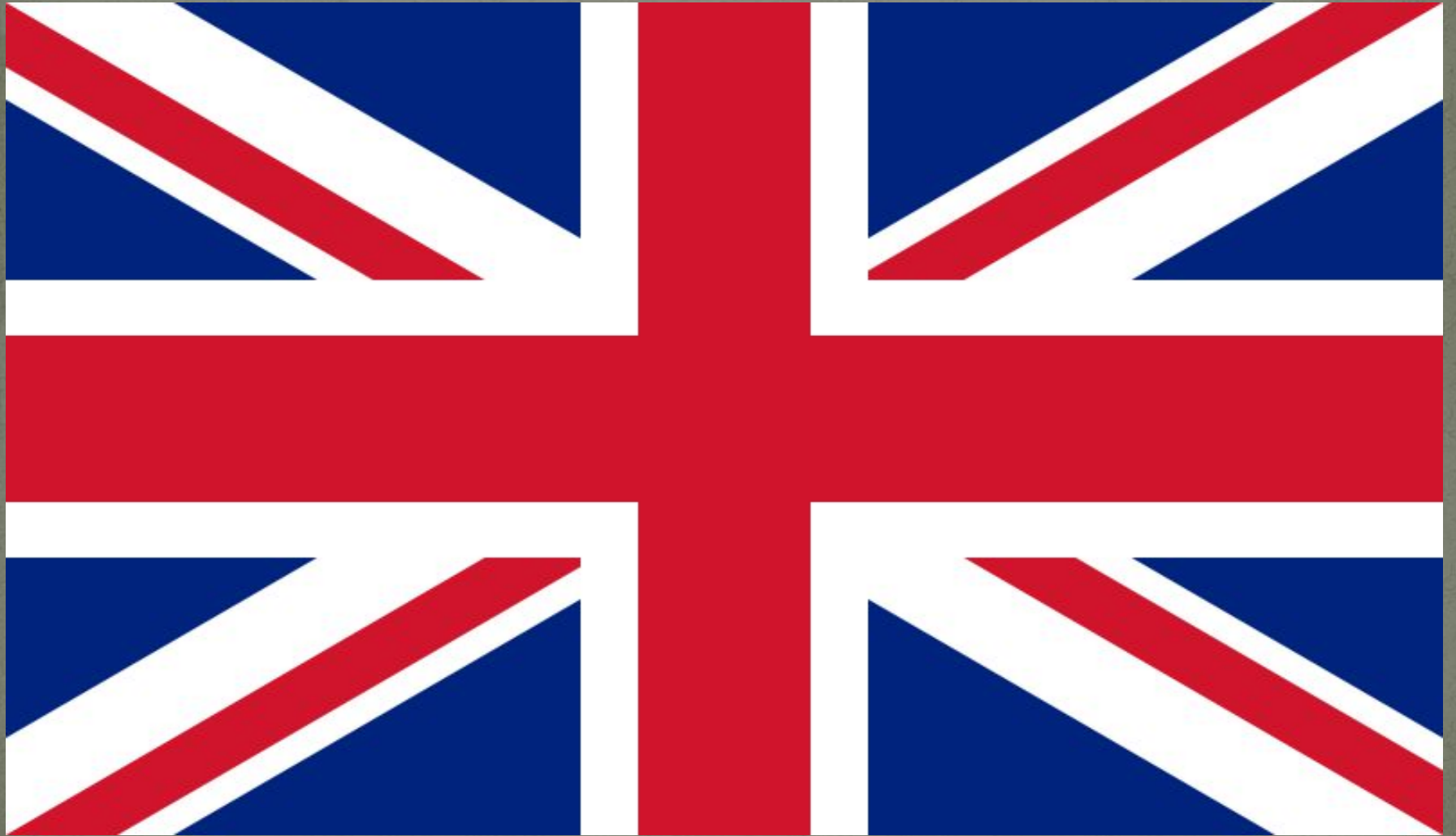
Scotland

England

Wales



Flag of the Great Britain



Royal Coat of Arms of the United Kingdom





The Head of the UK is Queen Elizabeth II since 6 February 1952.



Buckingham Palace is the official residence of the British Monarch.

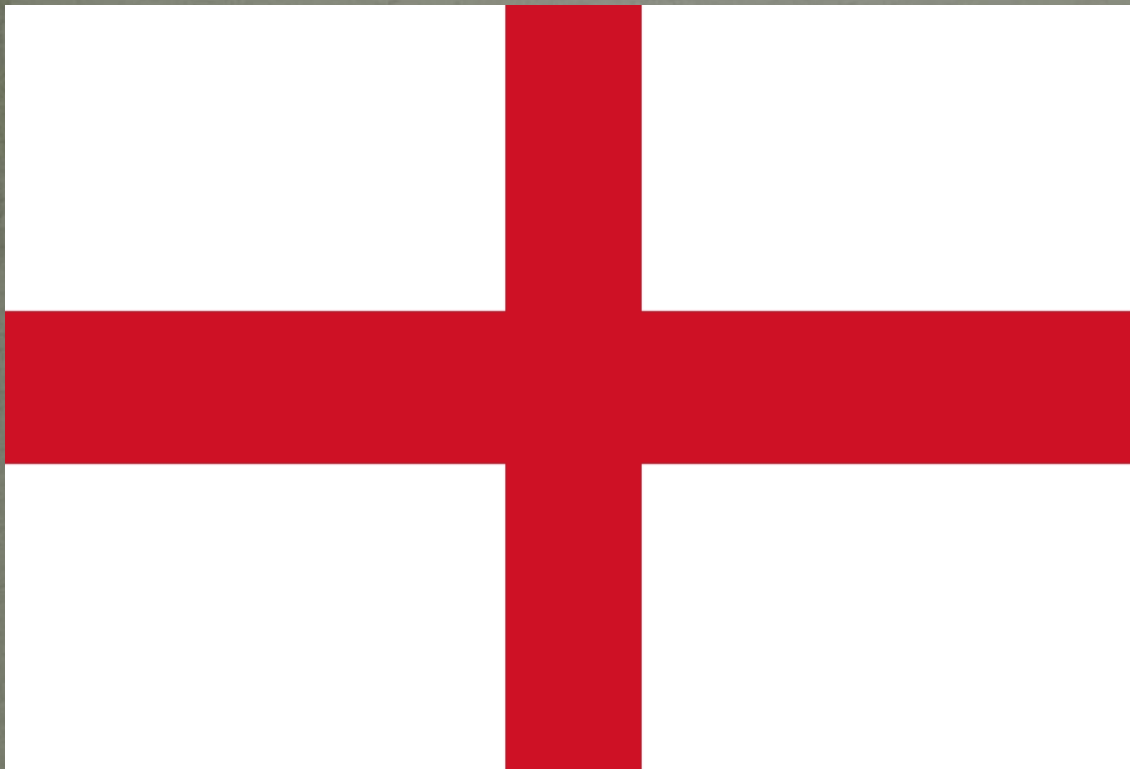
England

Capital is [London](#)

Official language is English

Motto: [Dieu et mon droit](#) (French)

"God and my right"



Anthem: [God Save the Queen](#)

Capital is [Edinburgh](#)

Official languages are English, Scottish

Motto: "[In My Defens God Me Defend](#)"

Scotland



Anthem: [National anthem of Scotland](#)

[Scotland the Brave](#) (unofficial)

[Flower of Scotland](#) (unofficial)

Wales

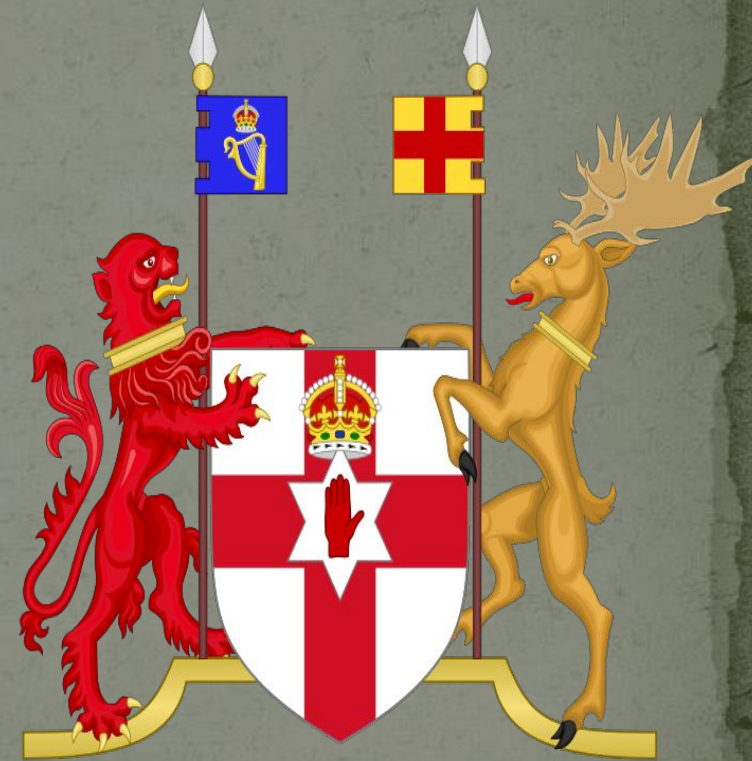
Capital is **Cardiff**

Official language is English



Northern Ireland

Capital is [Belfast](#)
Official languages are English
Irish, Ulster Scots
Motto: "Quis separabit" (Who
will separate us)



THE FLORAL SYMBOLS OF THE COUNTRIES

England



Red rose

Scotland



Thistle

Wales



Daffodil

Northern Ireland



Shamrock

The United Kingdom



The United Kingdom has an area of 244.000 square kilometers (94.249 square miles). The capital of the country is London.

Population



The population of the UK is nearly 60 million people. The population lives mostly in towns and cities and their suburbs.



Population



For out of every five people live in England. Over 3 million is in Wales. A little over 5 million is in Scotland. About 1.5 million is in Northern Ireland.

Population



London's population is over 7 million people. The British nation consists of the English, the Scots, the Welsh and the Irish. There are many people of all colours and races in the United Kingdom.

Climate



The climate of Great Britain is mild. It is not too hot in summer or too cold in winter. It often rains in England. Rain falls in summer and in winter, in autumn and in spring. Snow falls only in the north and west of the country.

Relief



England and
Ireland are
flat, yet
Scotland and
Wales are
mountainous.



Rivers



There are many rivers in Great Britain. The main river is the Thames. Many ships and barges go up and down the river. The longest river is the Severn. It is 350 kilometers long.



British Parliament



The UK is a parliamentary monarchy. The British Parliament consists of two Houses: the House of Lords and the House of Commons. The Prime Minister is the head of the government.



The Prime Minister is based at 10 Downing Street in Westminster, London.



David Cameron

The current Prime Minister is David Cameron, leader of the Conservative Party. The Government is made up of Members of Parliament, who are elected every five years.