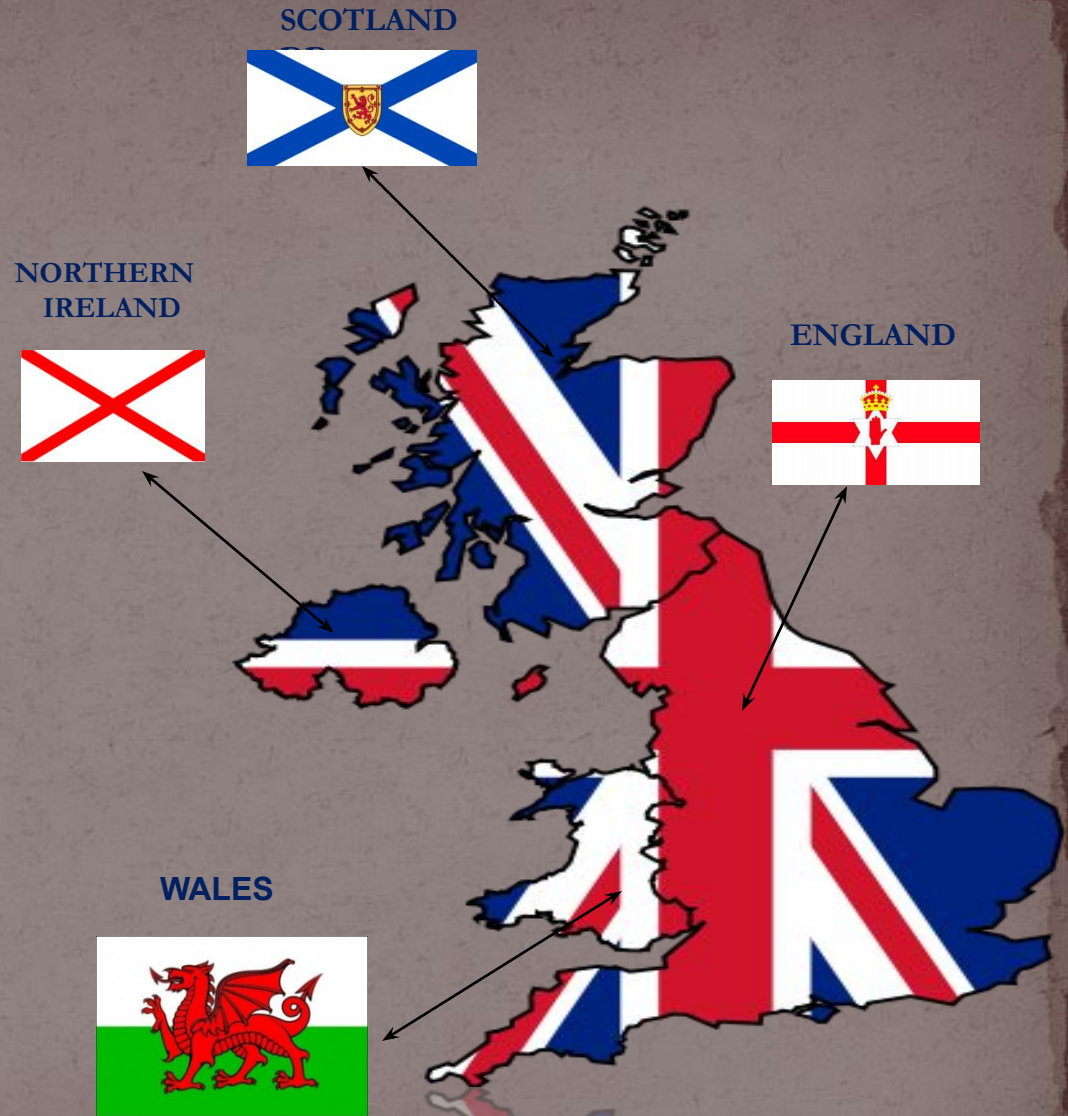


The
United Kingdom
of
Great Britain
and
Northern Ireland
(the UK)





The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (the UK) is the official name of the state which is situated in the British Isles.

Thus, "Great Britain" is often the same as "Britain" and refers only to Scotland, England and Wales. The "UK" includes Northern Ireland. You can see them on the map.

The two main islands are Great Britain (where England, Scotland and Wales are situated) and Ireland.

The United Kingdom consists of four countries which are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Their capitals are London, Edinburgh, Cardiff and Belfast.

Edinburgh

ENGLAND

Cardiff



Belfast



Everyone who was born in Britain is British. People from England are English. People from Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland are not English. They are Scottish or Scots; Welsh and Irish. People from Scotland and Wales don't like it when they are called English but they are British.

THE
ENGLISH



THE SCOTS



THE
IRISH

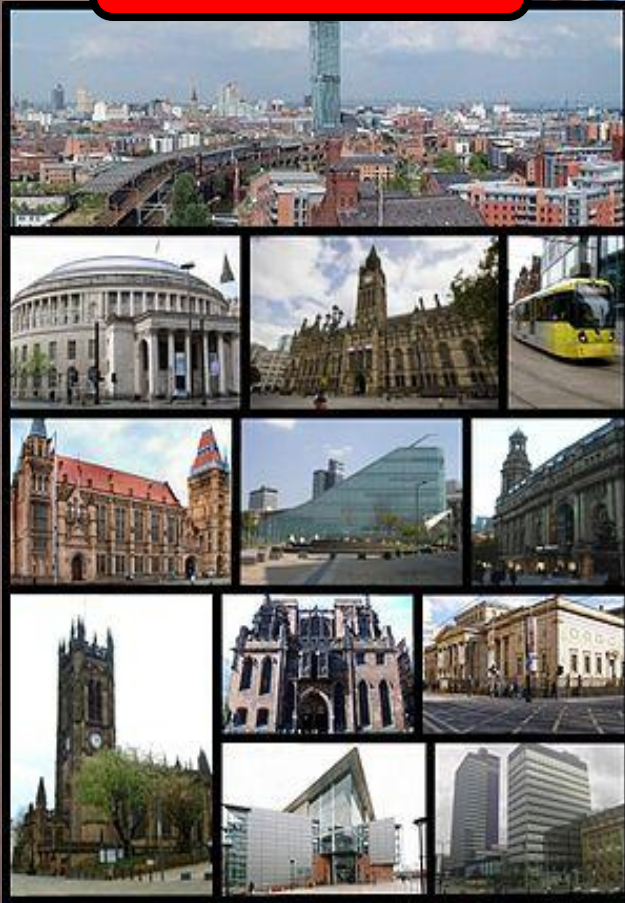


THE WELSH



More than 56 million people live in Britain. Many of them live in big industrial cities like London. Manchester and Liverpool, for example, are big industrial cities in the centre of England.

Manchester



Liverpool



As you know, the flag of the United Kingdom is known as the Union Jack. It is made up of three crosses: the cross of St. George (the patron saint of England), the cross of St. Andrew (the patron saint of Scotland) and the cross of St. Patrick (the patron saint of Ireland).



St. Patrick



St. George



St. Andrew

A still life composition featuring a white teacup and saucer with a blue floral pattern. The cup is filled with water, which reflects a scene of Big Ben and a red double-decker bus on the River Thames. To the left of the cup are several golden-brown biscuits. To the right is a large, light-colored rose. The entire scene is set on a light-colored, textured surface.

*THANKS
FOR YOUR
WATCHING!*