

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the Union Jack flag, showing the red, white, and blue diagonal stripes and the central cross.

# *PRESENTATION*

## ***Political System of Great Britain***

# Government and *Administration*

- Britain is a parliamentary democracy with a constitutional monarch – Queen Elizabeth II – as head of state.



# The History of English Parliament

- 1066- William of Normandy brought a feudal system.
- 1295- was adopted “Model Parliament”
- 1300-1313 Edward II separated Parliament into two Houses.



◎ 1603- Scottish King James VI provoked the Wars of Three Kingdoms.

◎ 1649- Charles I was executed.

◎ 1660- Cromwell restored the monarchy and the House of Lords.



# Parliament

- Parliament was located at Westminster in London.



- Parliament comprises the House of Commons the House of Lords and the Queen in her Constitutional role



- ◎ General elections must be held every five years by the secret ballot and is from the age of 18.



- ◎ There are 533 English constituencies.



# Government

- ◎ The government is formed by party with majority support in the Commons.
- ◎ The Queen appoints its leader as Prime Minister.



David Cameron

- ◎ The Prime Minister appoints 20 ministers in the Cabinet.
- ◎ The second largest party forms the official Opposition with its own leader and “shadow cabinet”; The Opposition has a duty to criticise government policies.



The leader of Opposition  
Ed Miliband



# National symbols

- British national flag is called “Union Jack”. It symbolises the Union of England, Scotland and Ireland and dates back from 1801.



- British National Anthem is “God Save The Queen”

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**  
National anthem of United Kingdom

1. God save the Queen, long live the Queen.  
Her name and glory flourish and increase,  
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2. O Lord our God arise, Soothe her anxiety, And make them fall, Confound their politics, Frustrate their knavish tricks, On Thee our hopes we fix, And none us fail.	4. Not on this land alone, But be Thy mercies known, From shore to shore, Lend unto the nations aid, That men should brothers be, And fare and family, The wide world over.
3. Thy choicest gifts in store, On her be pleased to pour, Ling'ring thy sceptre, May she defend our laws, And ever give us cause To sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen!	5. From every latent foe, From the submarine foe, God save the Queen! O'er her those arms extend, For Britain's arms defend, Our mother, grave, and friend, God save the Queen!