



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 be praised, and her crown be maintained,
Her scepter flourish, and her throne be established,
And ever give us grace, To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen!

2. O Lord our God arise, Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall; Confound their politics,
And frustrate their knavish tricks; On Thee our hopes we fix,
God save us all!

3. Thy choicest gifts in store, On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign; May she defend our laws,
And ever give us grace, To sing with heart and voice,
God save the Queen!

4. Not on this land alone, But be thy mercies known;
From shore to shore, Let all the nations see,
That man should brethren be, And fare as family,
The wide world over.

5. From every inlet bay, From the remotest place,
From the mountain side, God save the Queen!
O'er her those waves extend, For Britain's rocks defend,
Our mother, grave, and friend, God save the Queen!