

The political system of Great Britain



- The United Kingdom is situated in the north-west coast of Europe. It consists of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



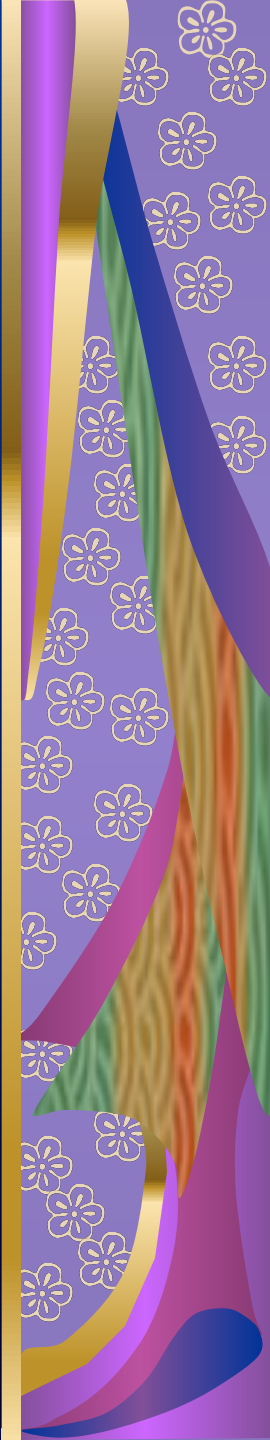
Head of State - Queen Elizabeth II



- Queen Elizabeth II is the head of state of the UK as well as of fifteen other independent Commonwealth countries.



- The monarch itself is symbolic rather than political, and only has "the right to be consulted, the right to encourage, and the right to warn".



The powers of the Queen of Great Britain:

- ❖ the queen is the head of state
- ❖ has the right reward for services to the state
- ❖ has the right to veto laws passed by Parliament
- ❖ the queen may convoke an extraordinary session of parliament



The UK Parliament



The UK is a parliamentary monarchy.
The British Parliament consists of two Houses: the House of Lords and the House of Commons.
Parliament is one of the most important parts of the British state machinery.
Parliament exercises and judicial functions.



The prime ministers of Great Britain



- In the UK, nominally the Queen may appoint the prime minister, but it's always a certain leader of the party group, which forms the cabinet. Today the Prime Minister of Great Britain is David Cameron. His Government formed by Prime Minister from among members of the party that received more votes in the House of Commons. At present there are about 100 members of the government, it includes 4 groups of ministers.