

03. Great Britain

Capital of England is **London**.

Capital of Scotland is **Edinburgh**.

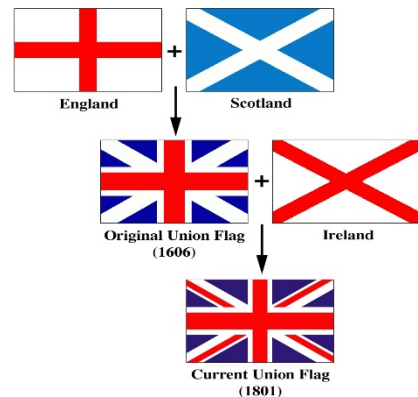
Capital of Wales is **Cardiff**.

UK contains of:

Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales)

Northern Ireland with capital city Belfast

Britain is just England and Wales!!



Geography

The north-western coast of Europe

Highest mountain: **Ben Nevis** (1343m)

The English Channel (la Manche) – channel between France and the UK

The Irish Sea – separates GB from Ireland

Rivers: the Thames, the Severn, the Avon, the Clyde, the Mersey

Climate

Mild, no extreme temperatures, cold summers

Important Cities

London – the Tower of London, the Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square

Oxford – oldest university in the UK

Stratford upon Avon – Shakespeare birth place

Stonehenge – group of huge stones; no one knows where they come from

Liverpool – the Home of Beatles, major seaport

Edinburgh – historic city, medieval castle

Political System

Constitutional Monarchy

Parliament: **Queen** (Elizabeth II – since 1952), **the House of Common** (lower) and **the House of Lords** (upper)

People, languages

Population: 60 million people (English, Scottish, Welsh, and Irish)

Languages: English, Welsh, Gaelic

Other

Anthem: God save the Queen

Flag: called **the Union Jack**; combining three crosses – English, Scottish and Irish