

Symbol UK

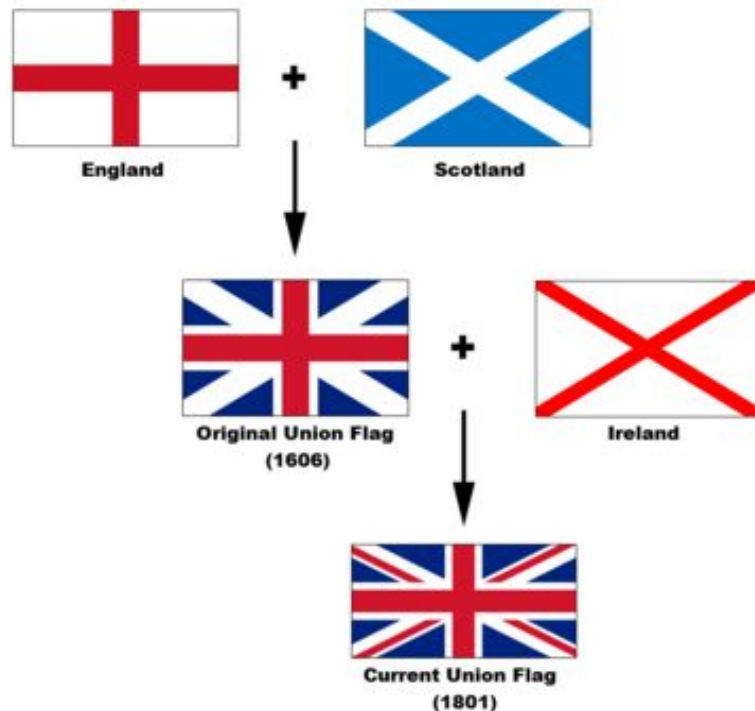


Flag of the UK



- Flag of the United Kingdom (also called the Union Jack) - is perhaps one of the most recognized flags in the world. Surprisingly good flag design is not accidental, but in spite of international fame, few know that the flag of the United Kingdom is the gradual imposition of the flags of the three countries, namely Scotland, England and Ireland. Banner of Wales was not reflected in the modern flag of the United Kingdom in view of the fact that during the creation of Wales was not considered part of the Union.

History of the flag of Great Britain



- The first version of the flag appeared back in 1606 after the unification of England and Scotland, and was initially used only to refer to the sea trade and warships. And the version of the flag has two varieties. Thus the English version of the jack is a superposition of the Red Cross with a white border on the flag of Scotland - the cross of St. Andrew. Proud Scots, in turn, use the flag, the performance on the contrary, namely by applying a blue and white flag of Scotland on the flag of England. The independent nature of the Scottish people is still evident in their reverent attitude to his white-blue flag. For example, national holidays over the expanses of Scotland flies the flag of Great Britain in the neighborhood with the Scottish flag. And if the building is equipped with only one flagpole, the Scots donate flag of the United Kingdom, but in any case not lower a little of his blue-and-white banner. Let us return to the history of the modern flag of Great Britain. The second stage of this story was the adoption of the Act of Union of Great Britain and Ireland in 1800. At that time the flag was a white diagonal cross hairs and red stripes of the Irish flag - the flag of St. Patrick. So the flag of the United Kingdom is more than two centuries.

Anthem UK

BRITISH NATIONAL ANTHEM



God Save The Queen

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.

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



- The anthem of the United Kingdom is an English folk patriotic song "God Save the Queen!" ("God, save the Queen!"), Officially recognized since the mid 18th century. The text and title of the anthem change according to the reigning monarch. An interesting fact is that, despite the existence of a single monarch, and officially established the anthem, every country, part of the UK has its own folk songs, often playing the role of hymns. For example, across Wales, you can hear the song "Land of My Father" («Land of my father»), executed in Welsh. Scots prefer to perform their folk songs "Flower of Scotland" («Flower of Scotland") and "Scotland the Brave" («Courage of Scotland"), especially the independent nation zealously fulfill his anthems at football matches between Scotland and England.
- If the flag of Great Britain is a symbol of the country and fashionable elements that are willing to inspire artists and designers, and the national anthem of the United Kingdom has become known around the world, the symbols of the countries that make up the United Kingdom, known not for everyone.

Symbol of England



- The symbol of the Tudor Rose of England is, or so-called "English rose", "rose union". Such a beautiful and noble character has got the British to commemorate the terrible times of hostility former royal dynasties. This elegant sign is still widely used in clothing the troops of the United Kingdom, the British royal guards and logos as part of the British high command.

The symbol of Scotland



- In Scotland, the main character is also a flower, but in contrast to the aristocratic English rose, severe Scots are proud of their no less harsh symbol - a thistle flower. According to legend, this flower once saved the Scottish people. The story goes on the attack of the Vikings on the east coast of Scotland, when peacefully sleeping in his camp Scots woke up screaming one of the opponents, the cause of which will serve as a thistle. Insidious Vikings planned to take the Scots by surprise, but they did not expect a dirty trick on the part of the very nature of a harmless-thistle thorns. Ever since the Scots dearly love this plant with a difficult character. Even the highest Scottish order of chivalry is named after a flower guardian of the nation - "Order of the Thistle" («the Order of the Thistle") and it sounds the motto "Nemo Me Impune Lacessit", which means "No one hurt me, do not hurt yourself."

Symbol of Ireland



- In Ireland, which is considered the patron Saint Patrick, the main symbol of the people is the same flower, but this time, it is a shamrock clover. According to legend, this plant was used St. Patrick's sermons in explaining a complex concept of the trinity of God. Throughout the history of the Irish plant is pinned to their clothes in the most important moments of trials, finding protection in their character mascot.

The symbol of Wales



- Welsh people chose as their emblem leeks - that the plant is a national symbol Uelsa. Suschestvuet a lot of theories about the origin of such an interesting character. One legend tells of how St. David's Welsh punished during the battle with the Saxons attach to the headgear stalks leeks, for easy distinction on the battlefield from their enemies. The second symbol of Wales is considered to be yellow daffodil. This flower owes its appearance to fun facts, the fact that the Welsh word for leek, and also refers to the yellow daffodil. This confusion lasted for several centuries, and now even the Welsh can not exactly explain the appearance of yellow daffodils in the ranks of their national symbols.



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