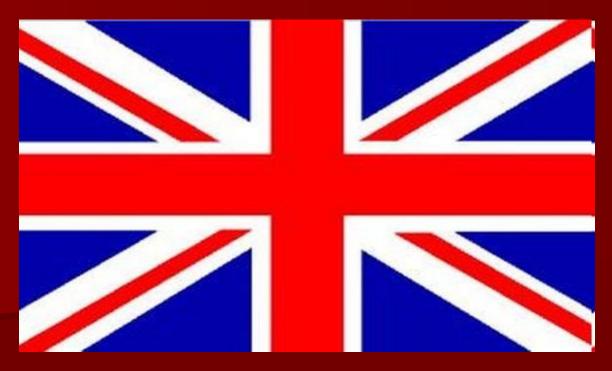
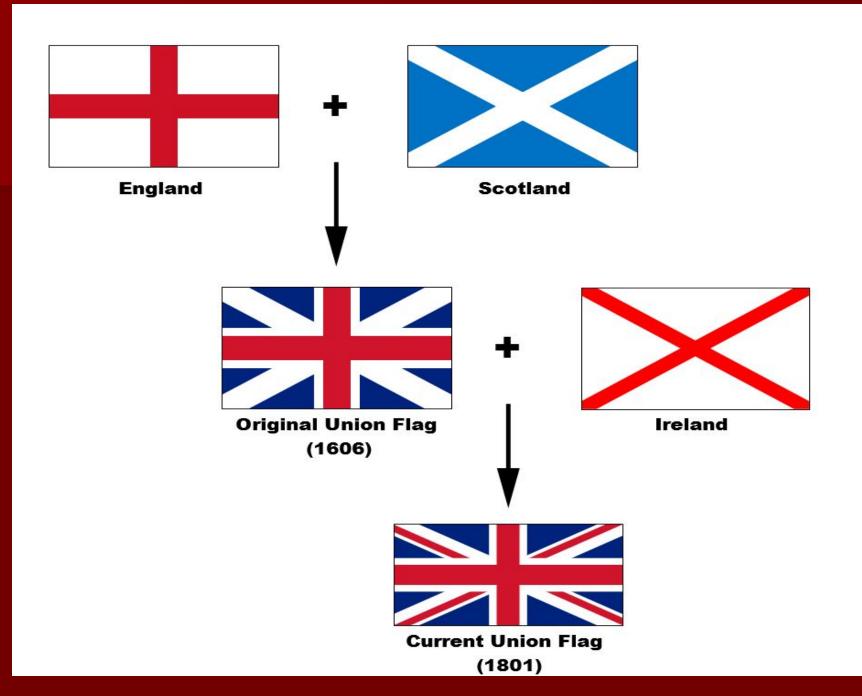
The Union Jack

The British flag, known as the Union Jack, is a combination of three flags: the Saint George's cross, the Saint Andrew's cross and the Saint Patrick's cross. They represent England, Scotland and Ireland. Wales isn't represented in the Union Flag: the Welsh have their own flag.

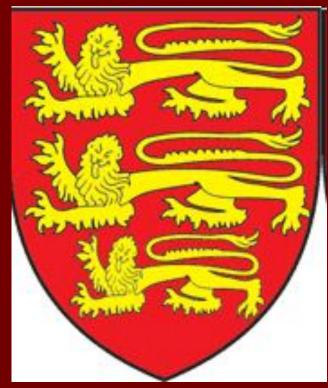






The emblem of England is red rose. The Saint George's cross is the English flag. Saint George is the patron saint of England





People say: "He who has not seen Scotland does not really know Great Britain." Scotland is to the north of England. Its symbol is a thistle, its patron saint is St. Andrew. It is a country of high mountains, deep valleys and grassy plains. My heart is in the Highlands as Robert Burns wrote.

MY HEART'S IN THE HIGHLANDS.

My heart, s in the Highlands, my heart is not hear, My heart, s in the Highlands a-chasing the deer, A-chasing the wild deer and following the roe — My heart, s in the Highlands, wherever I go!







The Saint Patrick's cross is the flag of Ireland. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.

The national emblem of Ireland is shamrock.





The Welsh flag shows a dragon. St. David is the patron saint of Wales. On the 1st of March, St. David 's Day, patriotic Welsh people wear a leek or a daffodil, both symbols of Wales.





The Royal Arms

In the Royal Arms three lions symbolize England, a lion rampant — Scotland, and a harp — Ireland. The whole is encircled and is supported by a lion and a unicorn. The lion has been used as a symbol of national strength and of the British monarchy for many centuries. The unicorn, a mythical animal that looks like a horse with a long straight horn, has appeared on the Scottish and British royal coats of arms for many centuries, and is a symbol of purity.

