

SYLLABUS

SUBJECT: CULTURE OF ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRIES - GREAT BRITAIN (classes)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The aim of the course is to present a detailed account of significant aspects of British society and examine factors which influence British life, including e.g. the geography of the country, the structure and workings of the government, and the origins of the people. The course also enhances students' language fluency, especially reading and speaking skills.

Topics covered:

The United Kingdom - (location, people, flag, anthem).
Geography (climate, land and settlement and economy).
British Society (ethnic identity, family, class, stereotypes).
Political System (political parties, the constitution).
The Monarchy.
Parliament (The House of Commons, the House of Lords).
The Government.
Elections.
The Law. The System of Justice.
The Media (Newspapers, Radio, and Television).
International Relations.
Religion.
Education.
British National Celebrations

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Student should be able to present basic aspects of the British civilization and make simple analysis concerning British society and government institutions.

GRADING POLICY

Grading based on test results and class participation.

TIMETABLE: 2 hrs a week.

TEXTBOOK AND REQUIRED MATERIALS

Bromhead P., *Life in Modern Britain* (Longman) 1990.
Diniejkó A., *English-Speaking Countries 1* (WSiP) 1999.
Garwood Ch., G. Gardani i E. Peris, *Aspects of Britain and the USA* (OUP) 1992.
McDowall D., *Britain in Close-up* (Longman) 1999.
Oakland John, *British Civilization* (Routledge) 2002
O'Driscoll J., *Britain. The Country and Its People*. (OUP) 2000.
Sheerin S., J. Seath i G. White, *Spotlight on Britain* (OUP) 1982.

PREREQUISITES:

Language fluency – at least upper-intermediate level.