

Inspector Rex's History Snippet #6

When is Britain a country – or is it?

One of the last Welsh princes, **Llywelyn AP Gruffudd**, was killed in battle in 1282 by **Edward I, King of England**, whose son **Edward II** (born in **Caernarfon Castle** in 1284) was **invested** as the first English Prince of Wales in 1301.

(NOT a country as accepted currently).

England is NOT a country. With the creation of the Prince of Wales, England and Wales were united to form Britain. It was NOT a country.

With the Act of Union in 1707 (Queen Anne) which now encompassed Scotland, the three entities became Great Britain. It was NOT a country.

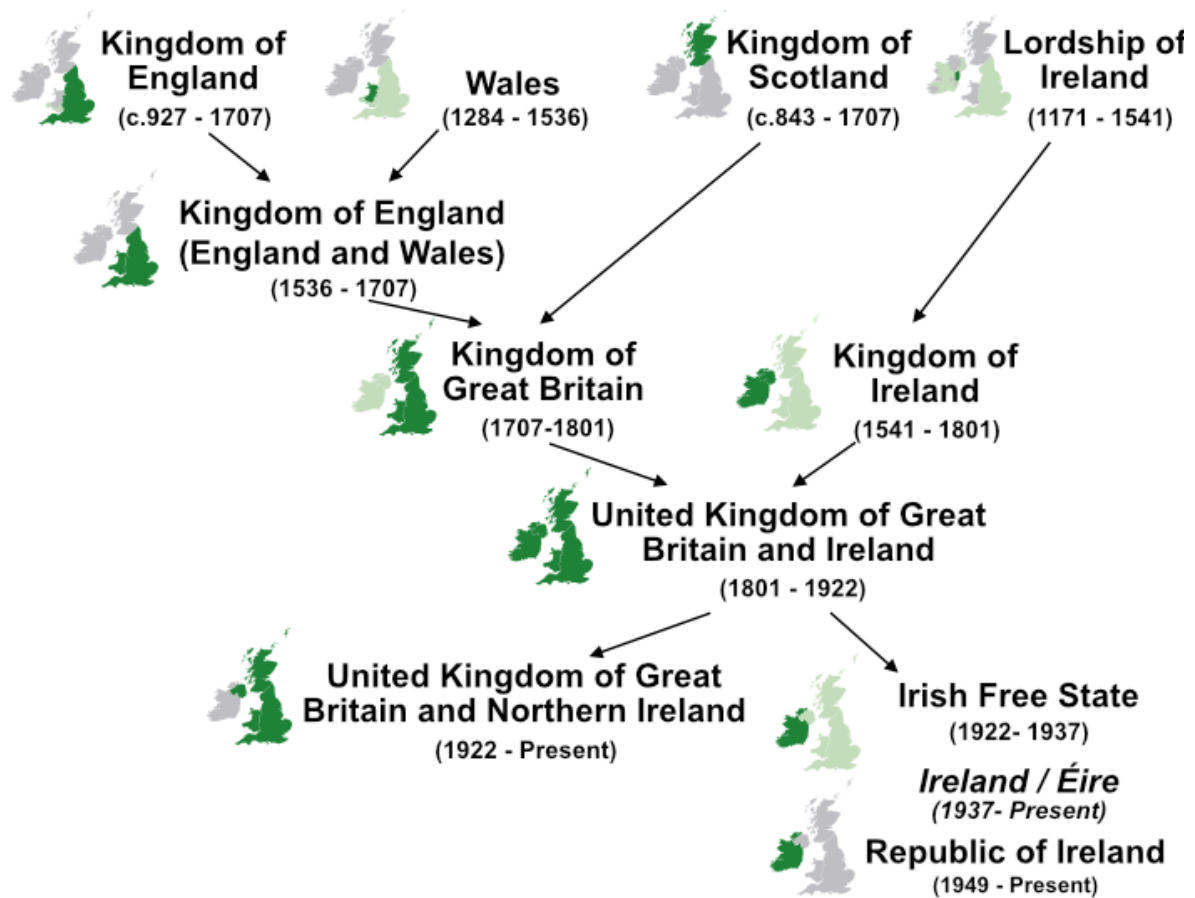
With the union with Ireland in 1801 these lands became the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. It was NOT a country.

With the separation of Ireland (Protestant North and Catholic South) in 1922 the current situation came about:

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland - which IS a country (as can be seen with the UK's place at the UN and current British passports).

(Will anything change after Brexit 31-1-2020? Current British passports have printed on them: EUROPEAN UNION!!)

Note that the Isle of Man, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey are NOT part of the UK.



Name some islands that comprise the British Isles.