

Unit 1 UK Geographical Features *Textbook p. 2*

- Understand the makeup of the British Isles (Great Britain = England, Scotland, Wales; Irish Island = Northern Ireland) and where the UK is located geographically.
- Be familiar with the bodies of water surrounding it (Atlantic, North Sea, Irish Sea, English Channel, Straits of Dover)
- Be familiar with Great Britain's climate and why it has such a climate.
- Know the countries and their capitals: England -> London; Scotland -> Edinburgh; Wales -> Cardiff; Northern Ireland -> Belfast
- Know the significant geographical features and locations such as **Ben Nevis** (Scotland), **Lough Neagh** (N. Ireland), and the **Thames River** (England).

Unit 2 UK People and Religion *Textbook p. 8*

- Know **William the Conqueror** and the **Norman Invasion** (1066).
- Know the difference between Anglo-Saxons and Celts (and their languages)
- Understand the ways the **Norman Invasion** impacted the UK (introduction of feudal system, introduction of French language, linked England to France/European continent, introduced new military technology such as castle building)
- Understand the significance of the English Reformation and the Church of England (Protestantism/Anglicanism).

Unit 3 UK History *Textbook P. 16*

- Be familiar with these people:
 - **William the Conqueror** (Duke of Norman)
 - **King Henry VIII** (King overseeing English Reformation aka the switch from Catholicism to Church of England Protestantism)
 - **King Charles III** (current sovereign of UK)
- Understand these events:
 - **The Norman Conquest** (1066)
 - Understand the structure of the **Feudal System**
 - **The English Reformation** (switch from Roman Catholicism to Church of England Protestantism/Anglicanism)
 - **The Seven Years' War** (1756-1763, conflict between UK and colonial powers. UK victory = UK global dominance and start of British Empire)
 - **WWII** (Britain's role during the war, the impact on the UK post-WWII and post-war realignment)

Unit 4 UK Government and Political Parties *Textbook P. 23*

- Know the current Sovereign (**King Charles III**)
- Know the current Prime Minister (**Rishi Sunak**)
- Understand the history and current role of the British monarchy.
- Understand the significance of the **Glorious Revolution** "**Bloodless Revolution**" (1688-89) and the **Bill of Rights** (1689) = Parliament becomes the ruling power of England meaning the monarchy must govern according to Parliament rather than the laws of the monarchy

Unit 5 UK Law Textbook P. 29

- Understand the difference between **Common law** and **Equity law**.

Unit 6 UK Economy Textbook P. 34

- Know **Margaret Thatcher** and the characteristics of **Thatcherism** (UK Prime Minister from 1979-90 known for political economic policies such as **Thatcherism** which emphasized deregulation, free markets, restrained government spending, flexible labor markets, privatization of state-owned companies, reducing power of trade unions, and British nationalism.)
- Explain the economic meaning of the term "**British Disease**" (periods of economic decline, balance of payment deficits and inability to match the growth rate of other industrialized nations).

Unit 7 UK Education Textbook P. 40

- Understand the differences between Grammar and Public schools **Textbook P. 40-41**
- Know the stages of UK education (early years/primary/secondary/ further/higher)

Unit 8 UK Literature Textbook P. 47

- Understand the characteristics of Old and Middle English Literature
- Significance of William Shakespeare (greatest English writer, playwright/actor/poet, with lasting legacy = plays are still adapted/performed/translated/studied worldwide)

Unit 9 UK Media Textbook P. 55

- Understand the BBC, the programs it produces, and how it is funded.
- Know the difference between **Broadsheets** (serious minded print, ex: politics, global news, economics) and **Tabloids** (populist, less-serious media, ex: celebrity, pop culture, sports).

Unit 10 Uk Holidays and Festivals Textbook P. 62

- Know the major UK holidays, their dates, and their traditions (New Years and Hogmanay, Christmas, Boxing Day, Trooping the Colour, Guy Fawkes Day/Bonfire Night, Easter, Mother's Day, Hallowee, etc).

Unit 11 General Introduction to the United States Textbook P.70

- Understand the different landscapes, environments and natural resources in the US. (ex: New England, Appalachia, Atlantic Coast, Midwest/Interior Plains, Southwest, Pacific Coast, Pacific Islands)
- Understand different weather and natural disasters in the US.

Unit 12 American Courts Textbook P. 80

- Know the three branches of US Government and responsibilities (Legislative = produces laws; Executive = enforces laws; Judicial = interprets laws).

- Understand the role of the Supreme Court.
- Know landmark Supreme Court cases such as **Brown Vs Board of Education** (abolished school segregation based on race) and **Loving vs Virginia** (legalized interracial marriage).

Unit 13 Religion in the United States *Textbook P. 85*

- Know the dominant religions in America such as Christianity (including **Protestantism** (~49%) and **Catholicism** (~21%), **Judaism** (2%), and **Islam** (1%).
- Understand how religion has shaped America (consider the First Amendment, religious diversity, influence of Black churches and Christian Fundamentalists, and the Separation of church and state)

Unit 14 Marriage in the United States *Textbook P. 94*

- Understand marriage practices, traditions, and customs and how they have changed overtime.
- Understand civil bonds, personal bonds, religious and community recognition.

Unit 15 American Festivals and Holidays *Textbook P. 99*

- Know the major American holidays, their dates, and their traditions (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, The 4th of July, Veteran's Day, Saint Patrick's Day, Halloween.)

Unit 16 Food in the United States *Textbook P. 110*

- Understand the phrase "That's as American as apple pie"
- Know why Fast Food is popular in the US
- Understand how American food is impacted by diversity/immigration and regional access to foods

Unit 17 American Literature *Textbook P. 123*

- Be familiar with the characteristics of **early American Literature** (often "nationalistic" (anti-British), pre-Revolutionary war = inspired independence; post-Revolutionary war = helped form new American identity.
- Be familiar with the characteristics of 20th century Literature including **Modern** (1910-1945) and **Postmodern Literature** (1945-present)
- Be familiar with significant American authors and their works such as "Common Sense"(Thomas Paine), *Uncle Tom's Cabin* (Harriet Beecher Stowe), and the works of Mark Twain.

Unit 18 American Cinema *Textbook P. 131*

- Be familiar with **Hollywood** and the American film industry
- Know significant landmarks in film such as **Nickelodeons**, **Talkies**, **animation**, and **technicolor**
- Understand why certain films are significant (*The Black Diamond Express*, *The Jazz Singer*, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, *The Wizard of OZ*, *Star Wars*)

Unit 19 American Theater *Textbook P.131*

- Be familiar with **Broadway**
- Understand the difference between **regional** and **summer stock theaters**.

Unit 20 American Museums *Textbook P. 148*

- Know what the **Smithsonians** are and where they're located (Located in Washington, D.C. on the National Mall, the Smithsonian is the largest museum, education, and research complex in the world with 19 museums and one zoo).