

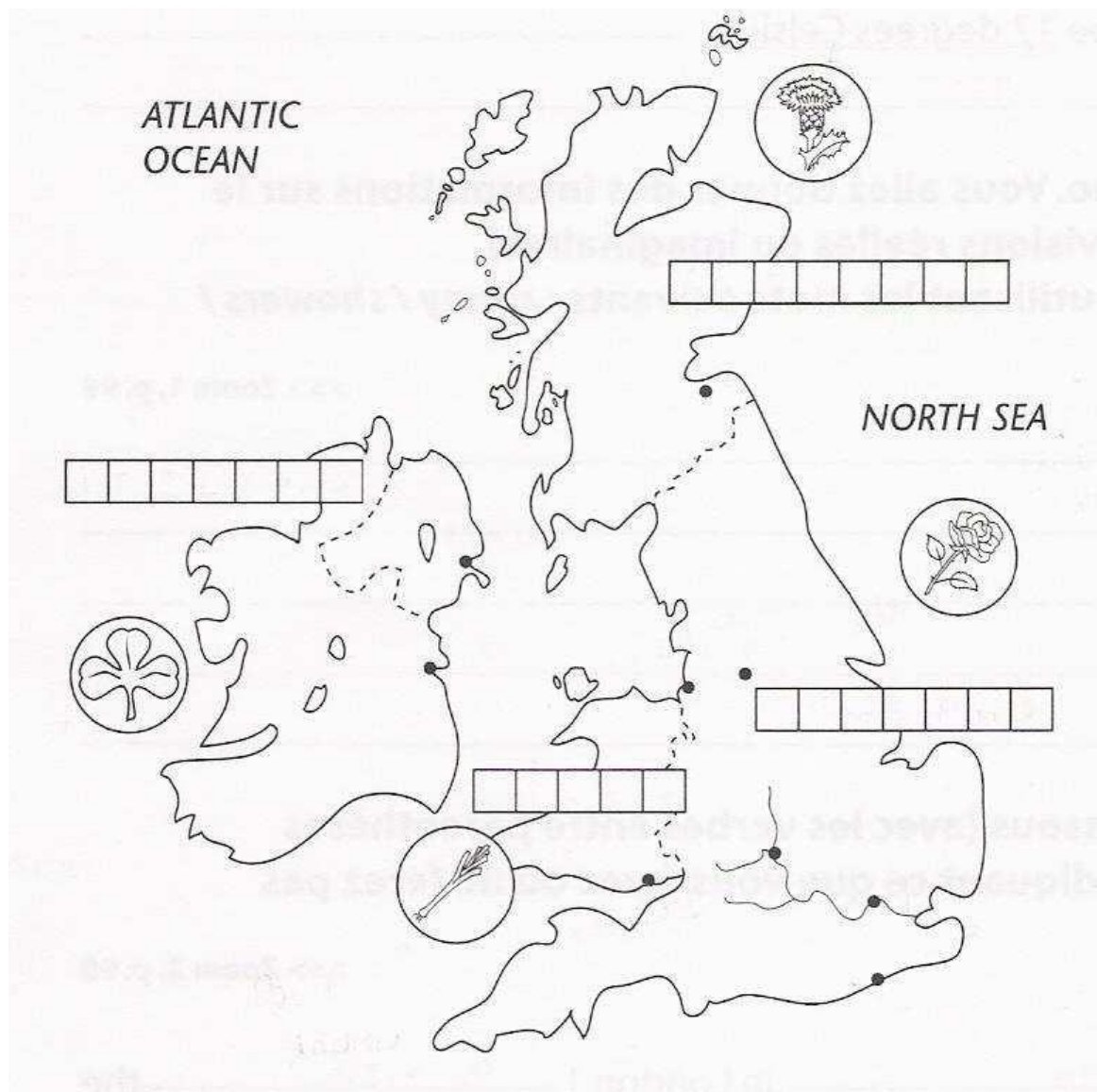
The United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

England, Scotland and Wales are part of Great Britain, the largest island of the British Isles.

Northern Ireland is part of the second largest island and is part of the United Kingdom, together with Great Britain.

The United Kingdom is a monarchy and is governed by a

The Republic of Ireland became independent in 1922. The island of Ireland is also known as “the Emerald Isle” and is NOT part of the United Kingdom.



The **Union Flag**, commonly known as the **Union Jack**, is the name of the flag of the UK.



It is made of several symbols: the **red cross of St. George for England** ; the **white diagonal cross of St. Andrew on blue ground for Scotland** and the **red diagonal cross of St. Patrick**, on white ground, for Ireland (although now only Northern Ireland is part of the United kingdom). The national flag of Wales is not represented in the Union Flag, because the Principality was already united with England when the first version of the flag appeared.



The National days and emblems are:

1. **England:**

- a. National Day - April 23rd
- b. Nationality – English/ British.
- c. Emblem - The Rose.

3. **Northern Ireland:**





- a. National Day - March 17th
- b. Nationality – Irish/ British.
- c. Emblem - The Shamrock.

2. **Scotland:**

- a. National Day - November 30th
- b. Nationality – Scottish/ British.
- c. Emblem - The Thistle.

4. **Wales:**

- a. National Day - March 1st
- b. Nationality – Welsh/ British.
- c. Emblem - The Daffodil / The Leek.

			
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