

Section 1: The United Kingdom: Democracy and Monarchy
Western Europe

Section Quiz

A. Key Terms

Directions: Read the statements below. If a statement is true, write T in the blank provided. If it is false, write F. Rewrite false statements on the back of this page to make them true.

- _____ 1. A representative is a person who speaks for a group of people.
- _____ 2. An absolute monarchy is a legal system that limits the power of the kings and queens.
- _____ 3. A constitution is a set of laws that describes how a government works.
- _____ 4. The National Congress is the lawmaking body of the United Kingdom.

B. Main Ideas

Directions: Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- _____ 5. Which of the following regions includes Northern Ireland?
 - a. England
 - b. Great Britain
 - c. the United Kingdom
 - d. all of the above
- _____ 6. How did the Magna Carta affect the development of democracy in Great Britain?
 - a. It limited the power of nobles and gave the king more power.
 - b. It freed the serfs.
 - c. It forced the king to obey the laws of the land.
 - d. It gave the people the right to vote.
- _____ 7. Today, the British monarchy is limited by
 - a. constitutional laws.
 - b. colonial rulers.
 - c. the country's traditions.
 - d. the symbols of Britain's past.
- _____ 8. Which of the following does *not* have a regional assembly?
 - a. England
 - b. Northern Ireland
 - c. Scotland
 - d. Wales
- _____ 9. What is one way Britain's colonies enabled it to become an economic power?
 - a. by providing goods made in factories
 - b. by providing handmade products
 - c. by trading their goods with the United States
 - d. by providing raw materials
- _____ 10. European Union member nations are trying to promote
 - a. higher educational standards.
 - b. tourism to European nations.
 - c. trade and cooperation among its members.
 - d. advanced technology.

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Guided Reading and Review

A. As You Read

Directions: As you read Section 1, answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. What four regions make up the United Kingdom?

2. What is the Magna Carta? What was its purpose? _____

3. What do elected officials do in the British Parliament?

4. What are the two houses of the British Parliament? Which governs the nation?

5. What purpose does the monarchy serve? _____

6. How is the British constitution different from the Constitution of the United States? _____

7. Why has trade always been important to the United Kingdom?

8. What factors have helped the United Kingdom become a leading member of the European Union? _____

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete these sentences by writing the key terms in the blanks provided.

9. The United Kingdom's modern _____ is made up of the House of Lords and the House of Commons.
10. A _____ is a person who represents, or speaks for, a group of people.
11. The United Kingdom is now governed by a _____, which is a set of laws that describes how a government works.
12. The British government is a _____, or a government that limits the power of kings and queens.