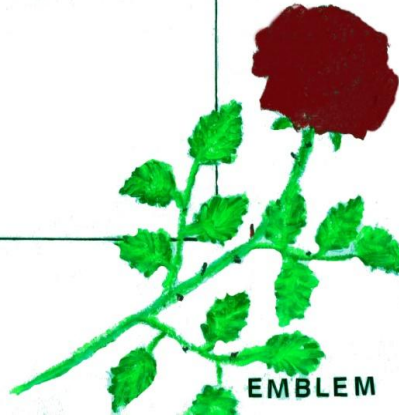


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England

England has over 53 million inhabitants (total area over 130 000 km²). The capital city of England is London (over 50 million inhabitants). The symbol of England is a red rose. On the flag of England we can see St George's Cross. St George is also the patron of England.



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Scotland

Scotland has over 5 million inhabitants (total area over 78 000 km²). The capital city of Scotland is Edinburgh (over 500 thousand inhabitants). The symbol of Scotland is a wild plant - a thistle. On the flag of Scotland we can see St Andrew's Cross. St Andrew is also the patron of Scotland and he was crucified on that kind of cross.

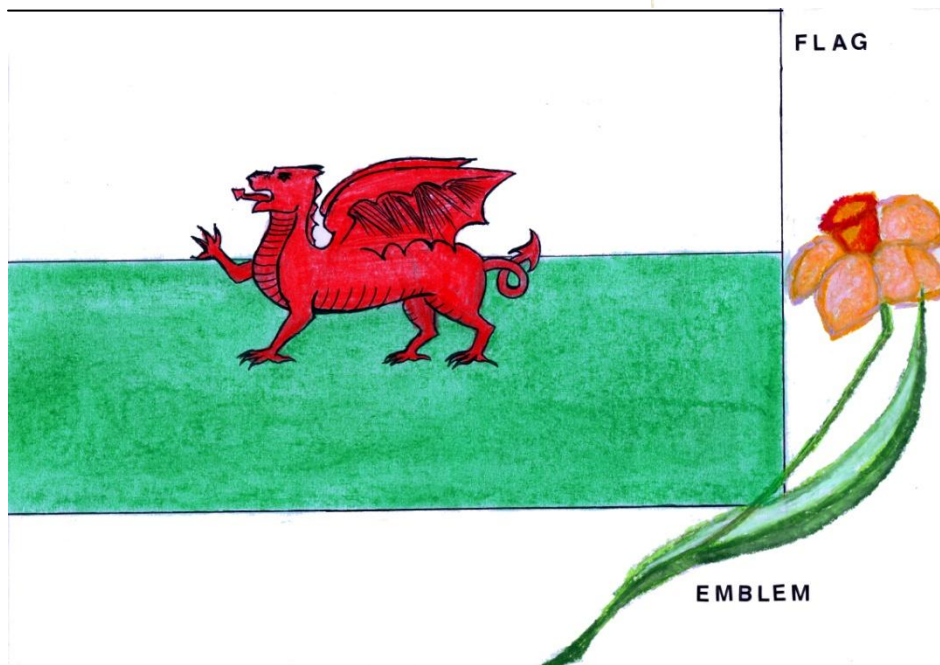


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Wales

Wales has over 3 million inhabitants (total area over 20 000 km²). The capital city of Wales is Cardiff (over 300 thousand inhabitants). The symbol of Wales is a flower - a daffodil. On the flag of Wales we can see the Welsh Dragon.



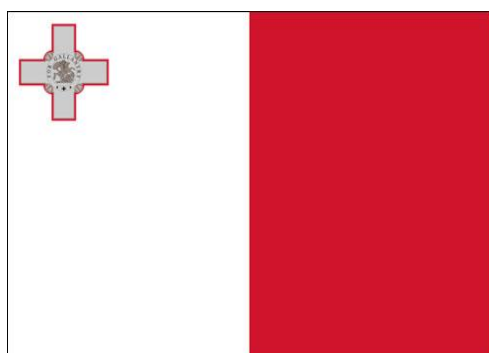
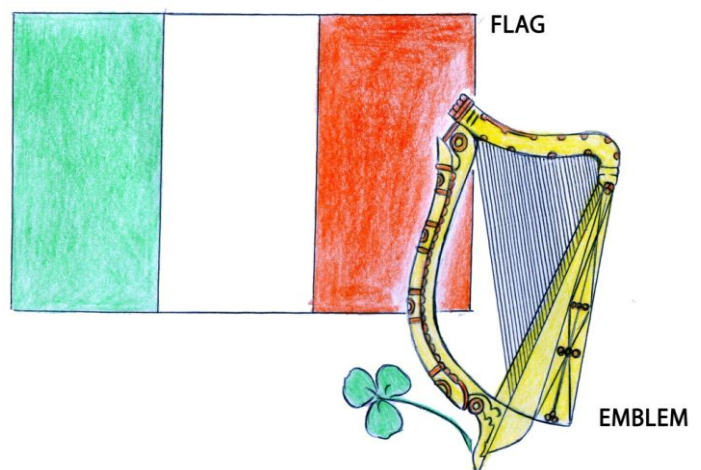


Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland has over 1 million inhabitants (total area over 13 000 km²). The capital city of Northern Ireland is Belfast (over 300 thousand inhabitants). The flag of Northern Ireland is based on the flag of England and the flag of the province of Ulster. It contains the Red Hand of Ulster at the centre. The points of the star represent the six counties that make up Northern Ireland. The symbol of Northern Ireland is a wild plant- a shamrock.

Ireland

Ireland has over 6 million inhabitants (total area over 70 000 km²). The capital city of Ireland is Dublin (over 500 thousand inhabitants). The symbol of Ireland is a wild plant- a shamrock or a harp. The patron of Ireland is St Patrick. In 1949 Ireland separated from the United Kingdom and officially became an independent country - the Republic of Ireland.



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The Republic of Malta

Malta has over 400 thousand inhabitants (total area over 316 km²). The capital city of Malta is Valetta (over 6 thousand inhabitants). The flag of Malta consists of two stripes - red and white, with the George Cross at the top of the white stripe. The emblem of Malta is a shield representing the national flag with a gold crown above it that is built of eight turrets (five only being visible) which symbolize the fortifications of Malta and a City State. Around the shield we can see two branches that are the symbols of peace and courage, traditionally associated with Malta.

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