




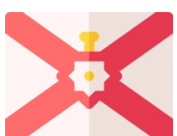



Civilisation anglophone | **The United Kingdom Explained**


The Union Jack and the Welsh flag | **CORRECTION**

A | The Union Flag

	The cross of St George, patron of England, is a red cross on a white ground.		
	The cross of Saint Andrew, patron of Scotland, is a diagonal white cross on a blue ground. The flag is called the Saltire .		
	The cross of Saint Patrick, patron of Ireland, is a diagonal red cross on a white ground. It is the flag of Northern Ireland today.		

The crosses of the three nations combines to form the Union Flag (also known as the **Union Jack**). It is the official flag of the United Kingdom.



B | The Welsh Flag

	There is also an official Welsh flag, which shows a Welsh dragon. The Welsh dragon does not appear on the Union Flag because, when the first Union Flag was created in 1606 from the flags of Scotland and England, the Principality of Wales was already united with England.
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Why a dragon?

It is often thought [on pense souvent que] that the Welsh kings of Aberffraw first adopted the dragon in the early 5th century in order to symbolise the Welsh power and authority after the Romans withdrew from Britain.

C | History of The Union Flag [Union Jack]

	The first version of the flag was created in 1606 only features the English and Scottish flags. It is because the kingdoms of England and Scotland became united.
	The Union Jack was amended in 1801 to incorporate the cross of St. Patrick.