The flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain is sometimes called the Union Jack. This red, white and blue flag was first used in 1801. The Union Jack is a combination of the flags of England (the cross of St. George), Scotland (the cross of St. Andrew), and Ireland (the cross of St. Patrick).

Questions:

1. What is the nickname of the flag of the United Kingdom? ______________________

2. What colours are in this flag? ______________________

3. The flags of what countries are represented in this flag? ______________________, ______________________, and ______________________

4. When was this flag first used? ______________________
Location: The United Kingdom (UK) of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a country in Western Europe. It consists of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

Capitals: London is the capital of the UK and of England. Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland. Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland. Cardiff is the capital of Wales.

Size: The UK covers an area of 244,820 sq km.

Population: The population of the UK is about 59,511,464 (as of July 2000).

Flag: Britain's flag, sometimes called the Union Jack, is red, white and blue.

Climate: The UK generally has a mild, wet, cloudy climate.

Major Rivers: The major rivers in the UK are: the Thames (which flows through London, England), the Avon.

Highest Point: The highest point in the UK is Ben Nevis, Scotland, which is 1,343 m above sea level.

Lowest Point: The lowest point in the UK is the Fenlands, which is 4 m below sea level.