

English-Speaking Countries

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Lecture 1.

INTRODUCTION

- Subject
- Contents
- Hours
- Requirements
- Tests
- Communication

TOPIC I

The Very Beginning:

- The oldest human inhabitants of Britain
- Roman Britain

Importance of the Subject

- **Why do people need it?**
- **Why do You, as translators, need knowledge about these countries?**

List of Majority Native English-Speaking Countries

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Australia
- The Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Canada*
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Ireland
- Jamaica
- New Zealand

English-Speaking Countries

Great Britain & USA

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Importance of the Subject

To understand the national character (identity) through its formation by the culture (the whole complex: language, ideas, literature, arts, etc)

To understand its creations

To better convey their Ideas and meanings

Importance of the Subject

Example: **terminology of the British Isles**

Various words and phrases that are used to describe the different (and sometimes overlapping) geographical and political areas of the islands of Great Britain, Ireland, and the smaller islands which surround them.
Confusing.

Commonwealth Realms

United Kingdom Monarchy

British Isles

British Islands

United Kingdom State

Great Britain

Northern Ireland

Scotland

England

Wales

Crown Dependencies

Isle of Man

Channel Islands

Jersey

Guernsey

British Overseas Territories

Anguilla

British Antarctic Territory

Akrotiri Dhekelia

South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands

Montserrat

Gibraltar

Turks & Caicos

British Virgin Islands

Pitcairn Islands

Cayman Islands

Falkland Islands

Saint Helena, Ascension & Tristan da Cunha

British Indian Ocean Territory

Bermuda

Saint Kitts & Nevis

Papua New Guinea

Belize

Saint Lucia

Barbados

Saint Vincent & the Grenadines

Antigua & Barbuda

Jamaica

New Zealand

Solomon Islands

Tuvalu

Australia

Canada

Bahamas

Grenada

● Sovereign State

● Country (Non-Sovereign)

● Independent Jurisdiction

● Dependent Territory

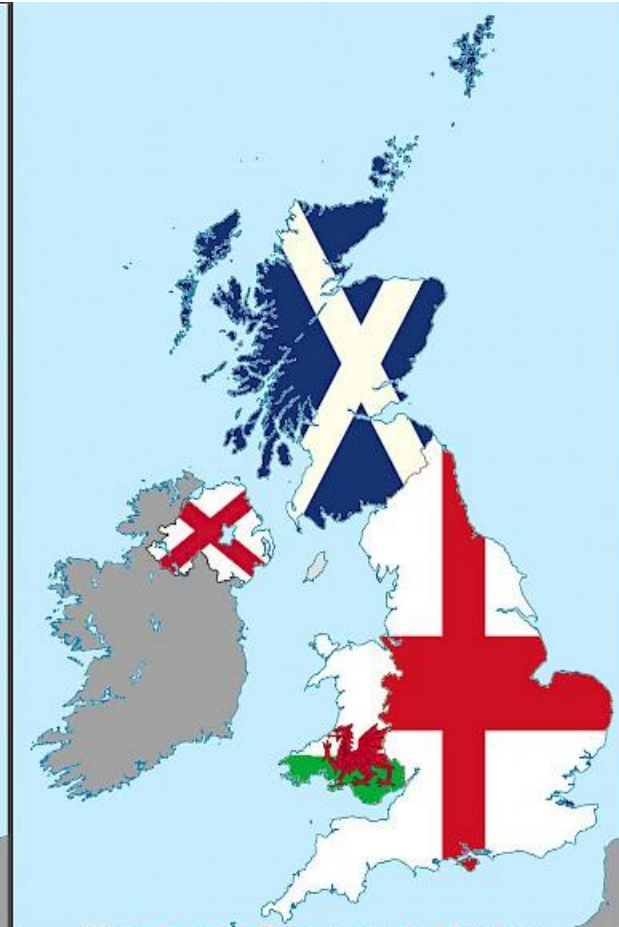
Terminology of the British Isles



The British Isles



The U.K. and Ireland



**England, Scotland, Wales,
& Northern Ireland**

Union Jack



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Contents

What are we going to talk about ?

- **Geography**
 - Location
 - Climate
 - Natural Resources
 - Where People Live
- **History**
- **Religion**
- **Politics**
- **Philosophy & Arts**
- **Education**

Contents

How are we going to talk about these topics?

The Course

Trying not to describe all events in the field of history, religion, politics or particulars of location but to single out and accentuate those really important for the formation of the national identity.





The Course

- **Hours**
- **Requirements**
- **Tests**
- **Communication**

Now,
Let's turn to our first topic

What will it be?

Guess!

The Very Beginning

- **The mingling of the races** 250,000 B.C. –11th c.
- **The Iberians and the Celts** 250,000-55 B.C.
- **The oldest human inhabitants of Britain**

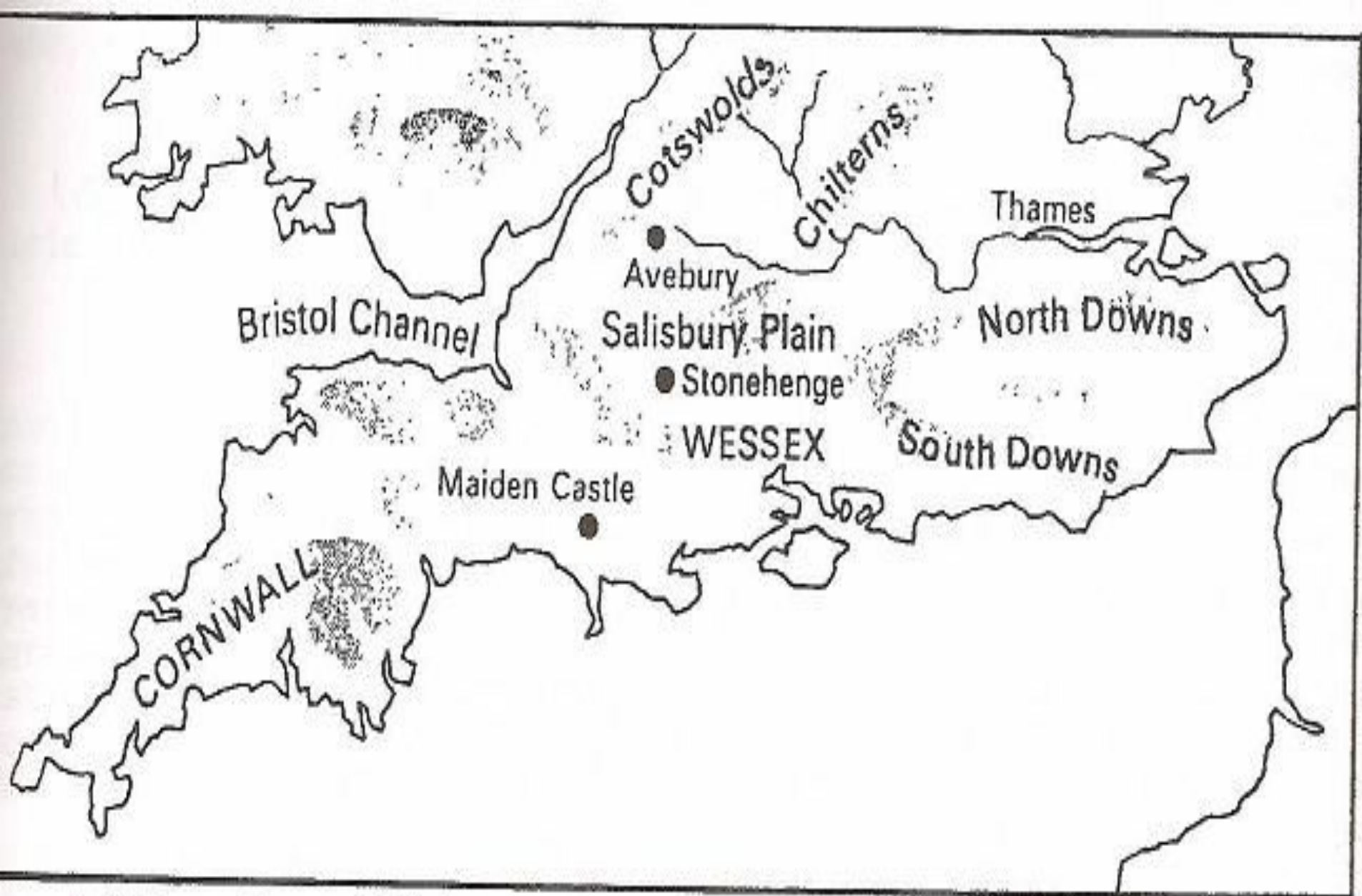
Home Task Article:

«First humans arrived in Britain 250,000 years earlier than thought»

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2010/jul/07/first-humans-britain-stone-tools>

Beaker found at Denton, Lincolnshire





● Sites of pre-Celtic monuments on the chalk uplands of south-western England

HENGES



HENGES



Home Task

Video

*«Henges: Stonehenge, Woodhenge,
Avebury & Stanton Drew»*

<https://vimeo.com/21436545>

Peoples of Northern Britain c. 150

Based on Ptolemy's map



Peoples of Southern Britain
c. 150
Based on Ptolemy's map
0 km 100
0 mi 50



Roman Britain

Romanisation and Approx. Limits of Civil Boundaries

Based on Jones & Mattingly's
Atlas of Roman Britain

- Tribal civitas
- Colonia
- Possible tribal civitas

Level of Romanisation
(levels are based on archaeological findings)

low high



Hadrian's Wall



Hadrian's Wall Roman Fort



Home Task

Article:

Hadrian's Wall

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/hadrians-wall/hadrians-wall-history-and-stories/history/>