

Identities

Tales of the United Kingdom

UK 300

300 years ago one united kingdom began in Britain.

Scotland and England agreed to have one parliament and to continue having one king or queen. Wales was already governed through the parliament in London and, in 1801, Ireland also joined the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Later, in the nineteen twenties, a large part of Ireland left the United Kingdom to become the Republic of Ireland, or Eire.

So what does that mean for us?

Identikit?

Who are we?

Is our identity made up, like a jigsaw of different pieces?

Like a questionnaire?

Are you? (nationally)

- Welsh
- English
- Scottish
- Irish
- British
- Other Please describe

Are you? (race/culture)

- African
- American
- Asian
- European
- Arab
- Oceanic/Pacific
- Other Please describe

Are you? (religion and culture)

- Hindu
- Buddhist
- Moslem
- Christian
- Indigenous/Pagan
- Atheist
- Other Please describe

Are you? (gender)

Male

Female

Transgender

Are you? (age)

a child

a young adult

middle aged

elderly

Are you? (citizenship)

a passport holder of

a citizen of

an asylum seeker from

a refugee from

Connections

Or is our identity a combination of our family connections and our friendships?
How would you describe the following people? Where did they come from? Where do they belong? How much do you know about them? Make some notes.

birth mother

birth father

foster or adoptive mother

foster or adoptive father

grandmothers

grandfathers

other important adults (e.g. uncles, aunts, godparents, friends)

brothers or sisters

anyone else who has shaped or influenced your life

Places

Where were you born?

Where do you live?

Did you once live somewhere else?

Where do you think of as home?

Where would you like to be?

Stories

Everyone has a story to tell, and perhaps several stories.

It is about you and the people who have shaped you.

Somewhere in the library of unwritten books there is one with your name on it.
What is in that book?

People you know well and people you hardly know at all?

Happy times and sad times?

Things from long ago and things from now?

Places round about you and places far away?

Personal happenings and historic events?

Real life stories and dreamtime stories?

Memories, hopes and fears?

Is it time to write or tell or record or draw or photograph or video part of your book?

In this way you can celebrate your identity and those of

your friends

your family

your school

your community

your culture

your country.



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