

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS OF GREAT BRITAIN

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Annotation: Traditions are elements of social and cultural heritage passed down from generation to generation, and persisting in a certain community for a long time. Traditions also produce an educational effect on a person, they form complex habits - a certain direction of behavior.

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Museums, libraries, archives and other cultural institutions play an invaluable role in preserving and providing access to their collections, an endeavor that can raise a number of intellectual property (IP) issues, especially in a digital environment. Handling collections of elements of cultural heritage, or “traditional cultural expressions” (TCEs) often brings about specific and even more complex IP issues.

Culture refers to the traditions, customs, expectations, and social and legal rules people follow. People that live in the United Kingdom often call themselves British and follow Britain's customs. British culture is unique and interesting, with a long history and varied backgrounds. The cultural traditions in Britain have adapted throughout history and are often seen as eccentric to the rest of the world.

Among other things, British culture includes levels of politeness such as queueing and the way people refuse requests. British humor is unique and the British pride themselves on their high-brow sarcasm. Jokes in many areas of British life, including television, often use subtle sarcasm. Food-related traditions that are part of British culture include afternoon tea and food eaten on particular days. For example, it is usual to have fish and chips on a Friday and a roast dinner on a Sunday afternoon. British Customs: Facts

To understand British customs, the differences between the geographical parts of England, Britain and the United Kingdom, are important. England is a section of the island and is part of Great Britain, along with Scotland and Wales, which are also sections of the island. The United Kingdom contains all of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Britain is a very diverse country, including many different races and ethnicities. The majority of people in Britain are white, speak English, and the

predominant religion is Christianity. Even people who are not religious follow Britain's customs in relation to traditions, events, and social customs.

British culture includes English traditional foods. Fish and chips are a popular meal that is usually eaten on a Friday. The practice comes from Christianity, although is practiced by many people of all religions. One of the most famous English traditions is the roast dinner. The Sunday roast is eaten around lunchtime and consists of some type of roast meat with roasted potatoes, vegetables, and gravy.

Sports are important in Britain, particularly football which is a big part of British culture. Cricket is also a traditional British game and the teams are supported by many people all over the country. During sports games, it is not unusual for fans to wave English or British flags to show their support.

Just as the countries of England, Scotland, and Wales make up the United Kingdom, so do the flags of these countries. The Union Jack is the most recognized flag and it has parts of the other three flags inside it.

There are many other aspects of British culture that are different from other English-speaking countries, for example, the standard units of measure. The official system of measurement in England is the metric system, which includes measurements such as meters and kilograms. However, there are many instances where the imperial measurement system is used, for example, distances and speed limits are measured in miles and liquids such as milk or beer in pints.

British Monarchy

Some of the most famous English traditions involve the British Monarchy and the Queen of England. Royal traditions have been respected in England for more than 1,000 years and are still recognized as part of UK cultural norms. The Royal family still plays an important role in the United Kingdom's legal system with the Queen having to sign off on all laws. Two aspects of the British government are the Crown and Parliament.

The Crown: While the crown worn by the Queen of England is a piece of jewelry, the name "the Crown" also refers to the monarchy as a whole. It is a term used to describe the members, the traditions, and the expectations of the royal family, for example "by order of the Crown."

British Parliament: The British Parliament is made of up three sections, the House of Commons, the House of Lords, and the Crown. For laws to be made, they must be passed by all three sections. The House of Commons agrees on the law, passes it to the House of Lords, and then it goes to the Queen. While the Queen is technically able to refuse the law, it never happens and is more of a tradition.

British National Heritage Parks and Buildings

British culture is incredibly rich and historic. There are more than 20,000 monuments, 16,000 registered gardens, and 50,000 listed buildings all with historical

significance. Some of the most famous historical buildings include Buckingham Palace, The Tower of London and St Paul's Cathedral. It is not only buildings that have importance in British Culture. Stone Henge is one of the most famous historical landmarks in England.

Science and Technological Advancement

In the 18th century, the Industrial Revolution began in the United Kingdom. This was a period of time when invention and industry grew and developed at an incredible rate. The industrial revolution changed the way people worked and made money, while it started in Britain, it spread throughout the world. The inventions and progress which came from the revolution changed British culture, there was a shift toward working focus and the idea that worth was related to how hard people worked, it also developed several English traditions that are still observed today.

Britain has been and continues to be, one of the leading countries in science and technology research. Throughout history, English people have developed amazing inventions such as the steam engine invented by Thomas Newcomen in 1712, which changed the way people traveled. A very important British invention was the creation of cement. Joseph Aspdin was an English bricklayer in Victorian times, he created cement for the first time in 1824 and changed the construction industry forever.

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