

The idea that the British are just one people isn't historically accurate. Our culture has been shaped by immigration:

- In 300 BC the Celts (European tribes) arrived in the British Isles
- By 43 AD the Romans had invaded the British Isles.
- Other tribes e.g. the Britons (Welsh), Picts (Scottish) and Celts (English & Irish). But by 500 AD the Angles, Saxons and Jutes had arrived from Northern Europe (and the English were now Anglo-Saxons)
- After the battle of Hastings in 1066 the Normans (French) had conquered England
- By the 17th Century (1600's) the British were in the America's, Africa and Asia (India). The Slave trade is a dark moment in our nations past, whereby 12.5 million Africans were taken by force by the major European nations to the Caribbean and South American to work as slaves
- The 20th Century saw the two most damaging and vicious wars the world has ever seen (WW1 and WW2), the UK invited people from the commonwealth and empire to live here to help rebuild and grow the country

What are the types of rock?

The Earth is 4.6 billion years old. The current period of Geological time is called the Quaternary period which started 2.6 million years ago.

There are three classes of rock:-

1. Sedimentary - formed by sediments settling in lakes, oceans and seas (dead sea creatures) Examples: Limestone and Chalk.
2. Metamorphic - are Sedimentary rocks that have been subjected to tremendous heat and/or pressure causing them to change into another type of rock. Examples: Marble (Limestone) and Slate (clay).
3. Igneous - are formed when magma from the molten interior of the Earth erupts and cools. Examples: Basalt and Granite.

Where is Russia?

- Russia is, geographically, the largest country in the world, spanning all the way from Eastern Europe in the West, to the Pacific Ocean in the East.
- It has an impressive area of over 6.6 million miles² and has almost 147 million people who live there.

What is a Republic?

- A republic is a state/country that doesn't have a monarchy (king or queen), Russia removed their Royal family during the revolution in 1918.
- Russia has many areas which contain people who have very different cultures from what we would consider 'Russian'. In fact, in many areas, Russian is not even the main language spoken by the local people.
- Russia is divided up into 85 federal 'states'. Of this number, 22 are republics. These republics are meant to rule themselves, kind of like a 'country within a country'.

Why is Russia seen as aggressive by other countries?

- Russia has, in many people's opinions, been aggressive when dealing with issues inside and outside the country.
- In the last decade, Russia has taken part in war against rebels and invaded part of the Ukraine (Crimea). Abroad, Russia has sent troops to Syria, Libya and Afghanistan.

Key terms

Eastings	The vertical lines on an OS map. They are numbered - the numbers increase to the east.
Ice Age	A long period of low surface and atmospheric temperatures, resulting in the presence or growth of icesheets and glaciers.
Igneous rocks	Formed by magma from the molten interior of the Earth
Metamorphic rocks	Have been subjected to tremendous heat and/or pressure, causing them to change into another type of rock
Northings	The horizontal lines on an OS map. The numbers increase in a northerly direction.
Quaternary	The most recent period in Geological time (the last 2.6 million years)
Relief	Changes in height across the landscape.
Republic	A country ruled by an elected president rather than a king or a queen.
	The ratio of a distance on a map, graph or diagram to the corresponding actual