

Topic 3: Identity – instructions and questions

Great Britain – Identity and Attitudes

Please, study the following resources to answer the questions below:

O'Driscoll, J.: Britain for Learners of English, Oxford University Press 2013 (pp. 43 - Encyclopedia Britannica (online))

Questions:

1. Comment on “Ethnic Identity: the Four Nations.
2. Comment on loyalty of Scottish and Irish People to England and being English. Contrast their attitudes with those who come from England.
3. Give the main ideas of the two paragraphs on p. 44 – 1. The Sentimental Nationalist, 2. The Realist.
4. What is one single highly important symbol of Welsh Identity? Comment on it.
5. Who is considered the national hero for the Welsh? (give some details from his life).
6. Explain the notion of “The Bulldog Spirit”.
7. Comment on “The rise of Ethnic and National Profile” of English People (how is it reflected in football matches and other sports events?
8. What are the results of the 2004 poll on being English, British or European? Give details of the poll.
9. From the point of view of numbers and length of time in Britain, two major ethnic groupings may be identified. What are the groupings? Comment on each of them.
10. Give an example of a sitcom or a TV program where an ethnic minority (Caribbean, Asian or Indian) played.