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### Great Britain

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### Great Britain

**Critical Historical Junctures**

- Magna Carta (1215)
- English Civil War (1642-1648)
- Glorious Revolution (1688)
  - English Bill of Rights (1689)
- Industrial Revolution (1780 – 1850)
  - Reform Acts (1832 – 1928)

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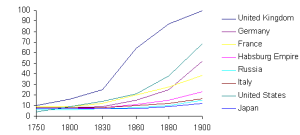
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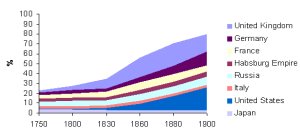
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Relative Levels of Industrialization, 1750-1900  
(U.K. in 1900 = 100)



Relative Share of World Manufacturing Output, 1750-1900




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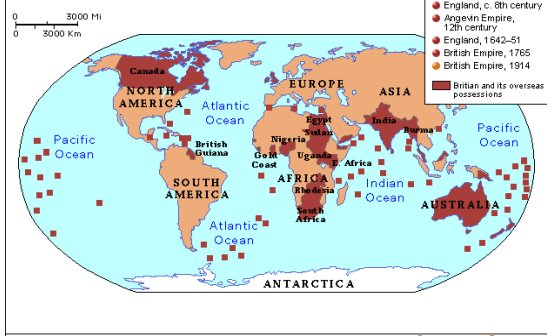
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British Possessions, 1914




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British Possessions, 2007




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### Critical Historical Junctures

- The Collective Consensus (1945-79)
  - Beveridge Report
  - "Winter of Discontent"
- Thatcher and the Enterprise Culture (1979 – 1990)
  - Falklands War (1982)
- New Labour's Third Way



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## Great Britain



### Governance and Policy-making

Four Main Characteristics:

1. Parliamentary sovereignty
2. Unitary state
3. Fusion of powers
4. Sovereignty rests with the Queen-in-Parliament



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## Great Britain



### Governance and Policy-making

#### The House of Commons

- 646 Members of Parliament (MPs)
- Party Discipline
- Backbenchers

#### The House of Lords

- Hereditary and Life Peers
- Parliament Act of 1911



House of Commons

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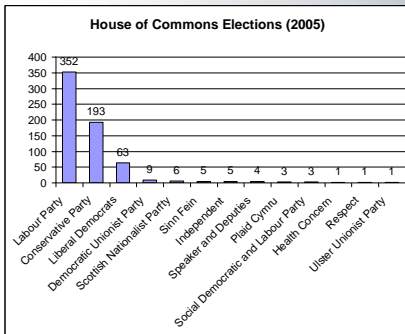
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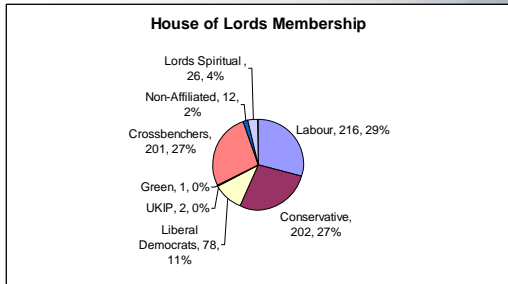
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### Governance and Policy-making

#### The Prime Minister

- Powers of the PM
- Limitations on PM Power

#### The Privy Council

- Collective Responsibility
- Kitchen Cabinet



Gordon Brown

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## Great Britain



### Governance and Policy-making Sovereign

- Head of State
- Royal Prerogative
- Supreme Governor of the COE
- Head of the Commonwealth



Queen Elizabeth II

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## Great Britain



### The Commonwealth



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### Representation and Participation

- Political Parties
  - Conservatives ("Tories")
  - Labour
  - Liberal Democrats
- Elections
  - "First-Past-The-Post"
  - MP qualifications



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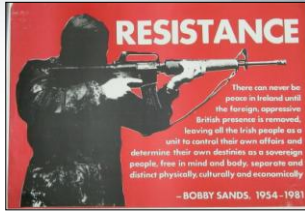


## British Foreign Relations

- US – British Relations
  - “Special Relationship”
- Irish – British Relations
  - GFA of 1998

## Sovereignty Disputes

- Falkland Islands
- Gibraltar



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## Falkland Islands



## Gibraltar



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