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England

Instructor Notes

General Notes

- England is a country in Europe that is part of the United Kingdom. It shares land borders with Scotland to the north and Wales to the west.
- The United Kingdom is a sovereign country consisting of four countries: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.
- Great Britain is the island made up of England, Scotland, and Wales.

Flag

- The flag of England is derived from St. George's Cross. It consists of a white field with a red cross.
- The flag of Great Britain, commonly known as the Union Jack or Union Flag, consists of the red cross of Saint George, patron saint of England, superimposed on the Saltire of Saint Andrew, patron saint of Scotland. The colors of the Union flag are red, white, blue.

England's Size

- England's land area is about 50,000 square miles making it the 96th largest county by land-mass.
- England's population is about 53,000,000 people. (23rd) US's population is 316,000,000 (3rd)

Currency

- The "pound sterling" or the "British pound" is the official unit of currency in England.
- 1 GBP = \$1.32 USD or 1 USD = .76 GBP

Landmarks

- **Big Ben:** Big Ben is the nickname for the Great Bell of the clock at the north end of the Palace of Westminster in London. The origin of the bell's nickname is open to question; it may be named after Sir Benjamin Hall, who oversaw its installation, or after boxing heavyweight champion Benjamin Caunt.
- **London Eye:** The London Eye is a giant Ferris Wheel in London. It is the tallest Ferris Wheel in London. The tallest Ferris Wheel in the world is the High Roller in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- **Stonehenge:** Stonehenge is a prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England. It consists of a ring of standing stones, with each standing stone around 13 ft high, 6 ft wide and weighing around 25 tons.
 - Researchers believe that Stonehenge may have been a 'calendar', linked to the study of the stars.
 - Stonehenge was used as a cemetery. Experts estimate that about 200 people are buried on the grounds. They also think that important funeral ceremonies would have been performed at the site – though why the dead were laid to rest there, no one knows

Culture

- England is the birth place of William Shakespeare, The Beatles, One Direction, and Ed Sheeran. In addition to literature and music, England is known for its food, art, and architecture.

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Crafts & Activities

Arts & Crafts

- Queen's Guard Craft
- Double Decker Buses
- Crowns
- Poetry or Plays (Shakespeare)
- Decorate Tea Cups
- English phone booths



STEM Activities

- Give students materials, such as Legos, clay, recycled materials, or even food, to make their own Stonehenge, London Eye, or Big Ben structure.



English Cuisine

The cuisine of England is founded on simplistic approaches of cooking like stews, pies, and roasts. Strong flavors such as garlic tend to be avoided as well as complex sauces. Tea is very popular making England one of the world's biggest consumers.

- **Pies:** Pies are an important part of English cuisine. Pies are a staple for both the main course and dessert.
- **Fish & Chips:** Deep fried fish served with what we know as French Fries. British fish and chips were originally served in a wrapping of old newspapers.
- **Tea:** Since the eighteenth century, the United Kingdom has been one of the world's greatest tea consumers. Tea is a prominent feature of British culture and society.

Snacks for Kids:

- Biscuits
- Apple Pie
- Crumpet (similar to an English Muffin)

Jammie Dodgers



Apple Pie



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How Big is England Compared to the US?

- England's land area is about 50,000 square miles making it the 96th largest country by landmass.
- The area of the US is 3,797,000 square miles by comparison. The US is the 3rd largest country by landmass.
- The above photo actually shows Great Britain (England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland), so we can see that England is much smaller than the United States.

the world



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asia

australia

europa

africa

north america

south america

antarctica



