**Sylaby reálií Veľkej Británie a USA**

1. **Physical Geography**

* Geographical situation
* How is the country divided?
* Relief
* Rivers, lakes, canals
* Main mineral resources
* Climate
* Population
* Largest cities
* Fauna and Flora

1. **Economic Geography**

* Historical survey – How the country developed into a leading world's power
* Mineral resources
* Agricultural conditions
* Industries
* Regions and their economy
* Trade and transport
* Current situation – the latest news

1. **People**

* Historical survey – main historical events which helped form the present population of the country (first inhabitants, invaders, immigration ...)
* Minorities and their characteristics
* Social structure of the society - present state
* Current situation – the latest news

1. **System of Government**

* Historical background – main historical events which influenced the present state of the governmental system
* Legislative body – its structure and duties
* Executive body – its structure and duties
* Judicial body – its structure and duties
* Head of the country and their powers and duties
* Current situation – the latest news

1. **Political organisations**

* Historical survey – how the main political parties developed
* Main political parties – their characteristics and voters
* Electoral system – Who can vote? Who may stand as a candidate? How often are General Elections held?
* Foreign policy
* Current situation – the latest news

1. **Education System**

* Who maintains education in the country?
* How long is the compulsory full-time education?
* The state system, pre-school education
* How is primary education organised? Main subjects
* Secondary education – types of schools
* Subjects, clubs and after school activities
* Types of examinations
* How is an academic year organised at primary and secondary schools?
* Higher education – universities, colleges and other forms of studies
* Universities – famous universities, who runs the university, organization of studies
* University degrees

1. **Language**

* Historical background – main historical events which influenced the development of English language
* Old English
* Middle English
* Modern English
* Influence of other languages
* How English became a world language – historical background and present state
* Differences between British and American English in vocabulary, grammar and spelling

1. **Arts**

* Arts in the course of history
* Visual arts – painting, sculpture, architecture ... (main artistic streams and their representatives)
* Music – genres composers and presenters. Festivals and awards.
* Film and theatre – names of actors, directors. Festivals and awards.
* Galleries and museums
* Contemporary arts

1. **Science and Research**

* Materials, tools and sources of energy people used over history
* Industrial Revolution - the inventions that changed the world
* Who is who in science – William Harvey, Isaac Newton, Edmund Halley, James Watt, Robert Fulton, George Stephenson, Michael Faraday, Charles Darwin, Thomas A. Edison, Ernest Rutherford, Albert Einstein, Alexander Fleming, James D.Watson ...
* Nobel Prize winners
* Space Flights
* Modern Science

1. **Social Welfare**

* The main purpose of social welfare
* History and development of social welfare in the country
* Social programs and benefits
* Health Care
* Current situation – the latest news

1. **Mass Media**

* Newspapers and magazines – types of press
* Radio broadcasting – main radio stations and their programmes
* TV broadcasting – main TV stations and their programmes
* Modern forms of Mass Media
* Freedom of the expression, objectivity

1. **Main Streams in Literature  
     
    English Literature**

* Old English Literature – Beowulf, King Alfred the Great: Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
* Middle English Literature – John Wycliff, Thomas Mallory, Geoffrey Chaucer
* Modern English Literature – Main literary streams and their representatives

**American Literature**

* Colonial Period Literature – Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Washington Irving, James F. Cooper...
* Literature in the 18th – ½ 19th century – Transcendentalist movement, Symbolism – Herman Melville, Social Criticism, Dead Poet Society
* Literature in the end of the 19th century - Poetry - Walt Whitman, Local Color School – Mark Twain, Jack London ...
* Literature in the 20th century – Main literary streams and their representatives

1. **The capital of the country or New York  
     
    London**

* Short history of London
* Interesting Buildings – The Tower, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul’s Cathedral , Palaces of London ...
* Squares and streets
* Museums and galleries
* Greenwich
* Parks
* Shopping
* Culture and entertainment
* Universities
* Transport
* Main London’s Economy
* Other interesting information about London

**Washington, D.C.**

* Where is Washington situated?
* Short history
* Interesting Buildings - The Capitol, The White House, the Pentagon ...
* Monuments and memorials
* Museums an galleries
* Culture and entertainment Universities
* Transport
* Main Washington’s Economy
* Other interesting information about Washington

1. **Typical Way of Living (customs, traditions, holidays)     
     
    Life in Great Britain**

* National symbols – British flag and anthem, patron saints
* Customs and traditions
* National holidays and traditions – bank holidays, May Day, Trooping the Colour, Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day, Easter, Christmas, Valentine Day, Halloween …
* National stereotypes (What the British are like, their manners and values they keep dear.)
* Housing and work
* Leisure and sports
* What do you know about the lifestyle of people in Britain?
* What is the image of the British in the world?

**Life in the USA**

* National symbols – American flag and anthem
* Customs and traditions
* National holidays – Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labour Day, Columbus Day Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Easter, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Halloween ...
* National stereotypes (What the Americans are like, their manners and values they keep dear)
* Housing and work
* Leisure and sports
* What do you know about the lifestyle of people in the USA?
* What is the image of the Americans in the world?

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