**Sylaby reálií anglofónnych oblastí**

1. **Great Britain – a short survey (geography, industries, agriculture)**

* Where is G.B. situated?
* How is G.B. divided?
* Geographical conditions (situation)
* Mountains, rivers, lakes, canals
* British leading mineral resources
* Climate
* Population, nations, languages
* Britain’s largest cities
* British industry and agriculture

1. **USA – a short survey (geography, industries, agriculture)**

* Where is the USA situated?
* How is the USA divided?
* Geographical conditions (situation)
* Mountains, rivers, lakes
* Mineral resources
* Climate
* Population, nations languages
* The largest cities
* Industry and agriculture

1. **History of Great Britain**

* Celtic Era
* The Romans
* The Jutes, Angles and Saxons and Alfred the Great
* The Danes and the Danish King Canute
* Invasion of the Normans and William the Conqueror
* Magna Charta
* Hundred Years‘ War
* War of the Roses
* Henry VIII , the Church of England
* Queen Elisabeth I
* Civil War
* Glorious Revolution, the sovereignty of Parliament
* Industrial revolution
* Victorian Age
* Britain in the 20th century

1. **History of the USA**

* Discovery of America
* Native Americans
* The first permanent settlements in America
* Pilgrim Fathers
* Boston Tea Party
* War for Independence
* Declaration of Independence
* The Constitution of the USA
* American Civil War
* Abolition of slavery
* The Great Depression
* World War II
* The USA after the World War II

1. **London- the Capital of Great Britain**

* Where is L.situated?
* Short history of L.
* The Tower of L.
* Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey
* Downing Street
* St. Paul’s Cathedral
* Important palaces in L.
* Streets and squares in L.
* Galleries and museums
* Parks of L.
* Shopping in L.
* Culture and entertainment in L.
* Transport in L.
* Other interesting information about L.

1. **Washington, D.C. –the capital of the U.S.A. (or New York)**

* Where is W. situated?
* Short history of W.
* The Capitol
* The White House
* Monuments and memorials
* Museums an galleries
* Culture and entertainment
* Streets and squares
* Other interesting information about W.
* Where is New York situated?
* Short history of N.Y.
* 5 boroughs of N.Y.
* Streets and avenues
* Cultural life and entertainment in N.Y.
* Museums and galleries.
* Skyscrapers
* Rivers and bridges
* Transport
* Other interesting information about N.Y.

1. **System of Government in Great Britain**

* Britain´s constitution
* The Queen – her duties as a symbolic head of the nation, executive, legislature and of the government
* Parliament – the House of Lords and the House of Commons, description of both chambers and their roles
* The Cabinet
* The Prime Minister, ministers without government departments
* The Highest Court
* Main political parties
* The British electoral system – Who can vote in Britain? Who may stand as a candidate? How often are General Elections held?

1. **System of Government in the U.S.A.**

* The Constitution
* How are the powers of the American government system divided?
* A Dual system of American government – powers of the Federal government and state governments
* Congress– the Senate and the House of Representatives, description of both chambers and their roles
* The President, the Vice-President and their roles
* The White House staff
* The Cabinet
* The Supreme Court
* Main political parties
* How is the President elected? Primary elections. Party´s national conventions. The Electoral College

1. **Education System in Great Britain**

* Who maintains education in GB (LEA)?
* How long is the compulsory full-time education in GB?
* The state system, Pre-school education – nurseries and kindergartens
* How is primary education organised?
* Main subjects
* Secondary education – types of schools
* Subjects, clubs and after school activities
* Types of examinations
* How many terms does an academic year have at the British primary and secondary school? How many weeks of holidays do they have?
* The independent system – pre-preparatory schools, preparatory schools, public schools
* University studies – Oxbridge, redbrick universities, Open University
* University degrees

1. **Education System in the U.S.A**.

* Who controls education in the USA?
* Pre-school education – nurseries and kindergartens.
* How is primary education organised?
* Main subjects
* Secondary education – types of schools
* Subjects, clubs and after school activities
* Types of examinations
* Proms
* Higher education – Universities, the Ivy League, colleges.
* University degrees

1. **Life in Great Britain (customs, traditions, holidays)**

* National symbols – British flag and anthem, patron saints,
* National holidays and traditions – bank holidays, May Day, Witsun Monday, The Midsummer´s Day, Trooping the Colour, Guy Fawkes Night, Remembrance Day, Easter, Christmas, Valentine Day, Halloween…
* National stereotypes – manners and values
* Work and housing
* Lifestyle of young people in Britain
* Image of the British in the world

1. **Life in the U.S.A. (customs, traditions, holidays)**

* National symbols – American flag and anthem
* National holidays and traditions – 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, American values
* Work and housing
* Lifestyle of young people in the USA
* Image of the Americans in the world

1. **Canada**

* Historical background – explorers
* First permanent setlement.
* Organization of the Dominion of Canada – provinces and territories
* Geography – location, relief, rivers and lakes, climate, natural resources
* Population - Are all Canadians of British origin? Languages spoken in Canada. Big cities
* Education in Canada.
* National economy – general characteristics, industry, griculture, trade
* System of government
* Major political parties

1. **Australia**

* Geography – location, relief, rivers and lakes, climate, natural resources
* Population, native inhabitants
* The first Europeans in Australia
* Captain James Cook and the British colony
* The “First Fleet“ and the convict system
* Gold rush
* Organization of the Dominion of Australia – states and territories
* Economy of Australia
* Political system
* System of education
* The capital and other big cities

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