



Charles III and Camilla in Washington (April 27, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? A four-day state visit by King Charles III to the United States, highlighted by a rare address to the US Congress.

Who? King Charles III, sovereign of the United Kingdom, accompanied by Queen Camilla, and received by US President Donald Trump.

Where? In Washington, D.C., primarily at the White House and the Capitol, with stops in New York and Virginia.

When? From Tuesday, April 28 to Thursday, April 30, 2026, with the address to Congress delivered on April 28.

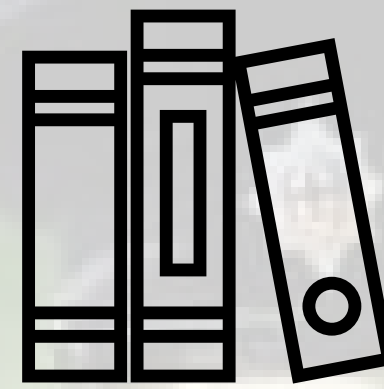
Why is it important? Because the United Kingdom and the United States are very close historical allies.

For this activity, your objective will be to learn more about this journey of King Charles III, and about the links that unite the two countries.



OBJECTIVES

- Locate the United Kingdom and the United States on a world map.
- Calculate a total distance from several stages of a journey.
- Understand the shared historical origins of the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Discover the meaning of the symbols on the flags of both countries.
- Write a short news article using the 5Ws structure.



SUBJECTS

• Geography/History

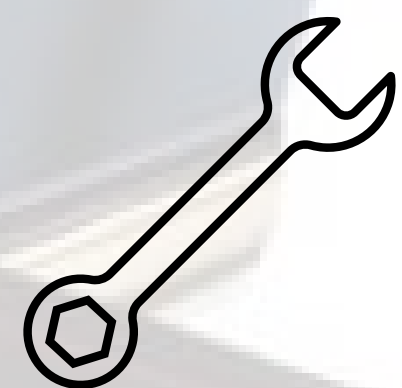
- Locating places on a world map
- Distances and routes
- Historical links between countries
- National symbols and flags

• Mathematics

- Adding large numbers
- Multiplying by 2 (round trip)

• English

- Reading and understanding texts
- Written expression (newspaper article)
- The 5Ws structure



COMPETENCIES

- Read and interpret a map.
- Perform calculations with large numbers.
- Research and interpret information
- Make connections between past and present.
- Write a structured and informative text.



DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they know King Charles III and Queen Camilla.
- Ask them if they know what the U.S. Congress is.
- Discuss what a "state visit" is.
- Show a picture or short video of the royal couple's arrival in Washington.



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — A Transatlantic Journey. Calculation of the total distance traveled during the visit using Google Earth. Completion of a table and answer to a calculation question.

Q1 — $(5,900 + 330 + 100) \times 2 = 12,660$ km

THE TRIP OF CHARLES III AND CAMILLA TO THE UNITED STATES	
	Distance
A — From London to Washington	5,900 km
C — From New York to Washington	330 km
D — From Washington to Front Royal (Virginia)	100 km

STEP 2 — Two Flags, One Story. Discovery of the historical links between the United Kingdom and the United States through a text on the origin of the two flags. Answers to four comprehension questions.

Q2 — There were 13 colonies: they are represented by the colored stripes on the American flag.

Q3 — In 1776.

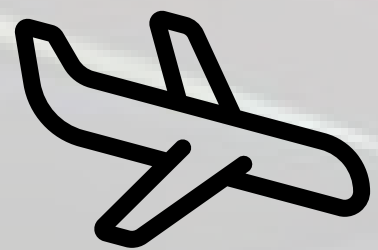
Q4 — Red, white, and blue.

Q5 — It is called the Union Jack.

STEP 3 — A Visit in Frontpage! Writing of a short press article about the royal visit, using the 5Ws as a guide. Answers to two open-ended questions.

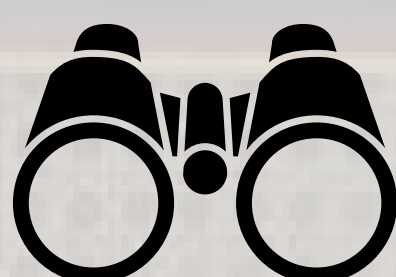
Q6 — Variable answer. Ex.: Charles III in Washington: A British king speaks to the US Congress.

Q7 — Variable answer. Ex.: From April 28 to 30, 2026, King Charles III and Queen Camilla visited the United States. They were received in Washington by President Donald Trump. On April 28, Charles III addressed the US Congress. This is very rare: before him, only his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, had done so in 1991. In his speech, the king asked the United States to remain loyal to its allies. This visit demonstrates that the two countries are still great friends.



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion about what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them (the trip, the flags, the speech at Congress).
- Ask: Why do kings and queens still travel today?



FURTHER EXPLORATION

 Hannah Wilson & Chris Dickason. *Amazing Facts: King Charles III*. Red Shed Editor

