

# Britain and the United States: Rivalry to Special Relationship

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Britain and the United States: Rivalry to Special Relationship. Examine the relationship between the United Kingdom from the conflicted relationship during our Civil War, through competition in trade and industry to the “special relationship” espoused by Churchill. Look at the cultural exchange between the nations and its impact on popular culture.

1. Britain and the Civil War
2. Civil War and Aftermath
3. Colonial expansion in the Pacific
4. Late Victorian culture in the US and Britain
5. The Great Rapprochement
6. World War I
7. Cultural Exchanges in the 20's
8. World War II: Generals and Politicians
9. World War II: Sharing technology
10. Post-War: End of the British Empire
11. Cooperation and Distancing in World Affairs
12. Culture and the Beatles Invasion
13. 21<sup>st</sup> Century