

USING A VENN DIAGRAM

The Ties That Bind

This issue's World article, "Welcome to the New U.K.," introduces you to the United Kingdom (U.K.) and its government. As U.S. President Barack Obama has said, "The United States and the United Kingdom have stood together through thick and thin, through

war and peace, through hard times and prosperity." How are the two nations similar? How are they different? By using a Venn diagram (see below), named after British mathematician John Venn, you can easily categorize and visualize key information.

Listed below are 10 statements related to the article and MapSearch on pp. 8-11. Decide whether each statement applies to the U.K., to the U.S., or is true of both. Write the number of each statement in the appropriate lobe (curved section) of the diagram: **U.K.**, **BOTH**, or **U.S.**

1. For several centuries, it commanded a large, world-wide empire.
2. It fought a war for independence from 1775 to 1783.
3. It encouraged people from its former colonies to help rebuild after World War II.
4. Its citizens live under a constitution.
5. Its head of government is elected by the people.
6. It has a democratic government.
7. Its legislature has two chambers.
8. One chamber of the legislature writes laws; the other advises the government.
9. The majority (more than half) of the population is white.
10. Its head of government is called a President.

