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Great Britain

- Largest of the British Isles
- Comprised of Scotland, England, & Wales

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England

- Southern tip about 50 deg. N. latitude (about same as north border of MN)
 - But climate is milder due to the North Atlantic Drift

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England

- Divided into 3 regions:
 - Highlands
 - Midlands
 - Lowlands

England

- Highlands:
 - Band of hills running length of England's west coast
 - Peaks rising to 3000'
 - Rock formations
 - Little for ag

England

- Midlands:
 - Home of England's Industrial Revolution
 - Highly industrialized
 - Big coal deposits
 - Densest population in England

England

- Lowlands:
 - Rolling gentle hills sloping toward the English Channel
 - But drop sharply with cliffs
 - Cool, moist climate
 - More fertile – more crops
 - Wheat
 - Vegetables
 - Cattle
 - Sheep

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London

- Long been a center of trade over 500 years
- Even though it's about 75 mi. from the coast
 - Thames River runs through London, though
 - So how does London become a trade city and not one of the coastal towns like Dover or Portsmouth?

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The “Chunnel”

- English Channel Tunnel
- Euro-Tunnel
- Actually 3 tunnels
- Completed 1994
- 31 miles long (24 miles underwater)
- Connects Great Britain & France
- 35 minutes to cross it
- Cost to travel it: between \$30-80 for passengers, \$78-125 for cars

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The “Chunnel”

- Cost of building: \$28 billion
- 80% over budget
- What to do with the spoil?
 - England side:
 - Samphire Hoe
 - 75 acre nature reserve
 - French side:
 - Created a hill near Shakespeare's Cliff

Samphire Hoe



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The “Chunnel”

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqwG4VWSkKA>

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