

Part Three: The Treaty of Union, 1689–1740

A study of political and economic change in Scotland, 1689–1740, illustrating the themes of identity, conflict and authority.

Mandatory content	Illustrative areas
1. Worsening relations with England	<p>The Revolution Settlement, 1688–89: constitutional and religious dimensions; divisions and tensions in Scottish society; the political management of Scotland.</p> <p>Navigation Acts; England's foreign wars; Scotland's economic problems; famine; Darien Scheme and its failure; Scottish responses; incidents leading to worsening relations with England; the War of the Spanish Succession; the issue of the succession.</p>
2. Arguments for and against Union with England	<p>Religious issues; the Scottish economy: possible advantages of Scots having access to English colonies; the issue of Scottish identity; contrasting attitudes in Scotland towards Union.</p>
3. The passing of the Act of Union	<p>The changing attitude of England; the debate over a Federal or Incorporating Union; the role of the Commissioners; negotiations; the passing of the Union by the Scottish Parliament.</p>
4. The effects of the Union, to 1740	<p>Economic effects, to 1740: agriculture, manufacture and trade; political effects; the Hanoverian succession and the causes of the Jacobite Rising of 1715.</p> <p>The significance of the Union in the development of Scottish identity.</p>