Part Three: The Treaty of Union, 1689–1715

A study of the reasons for the Treaty of Union between the Scottish and English Parliaments in 1707, the debates over the passing of the Treaty, its terms and immediate impact on Scotland, illustrating the themes of identity, authority and conflict.

Mandatory content	Illustrative areas
Worsening relations with England, 1689–1707	The relationship of Scotland and England after 1689: Crown, Church, Parliament, political management. Causes of tension between Scotland and England: economy, religion, the succession. The Darien Scheme and the Worcester incident; the Act of Security and the Aliens Act. The appointment of Commissioners.
Arguments for and against Union	The debate about Scottish identity: reasons for support of the Union; reasons for opposition to the Union. Attitude of Scots to the Union: burghs, clergy, landowners.
The passing of the Treaty of Union by the Scots Parliament	Parties and personalities in the Scottish Parliament: Queensberry, Hamilton, Fletcher. Role of the Squadrone Volante, Court and Country parties. Unrest in Edinburgh and elsewhere. Reasons why the Scots passed the Treaty: the question of corruption.
The impact of the Union, to 1715	The terms of the Treaty. Economic, political, religious and legal effects. Reaction of Scots to the Union up to 1715. The causes of the Jacobite rebellion of 1715.